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DEFECTS Over two days, 390 trucks were inspected and 166 were found with "out-of-service" defects during the second of several commercial vehicle crackdowns planned for the Greater Toronto Area this spring.

A further 256 charges were laid for Highway Traffic Act infractions and two men face theft charges relating to a stolen skid steer. Last year, 400 vehicles were inspected and 500 in 2007.

Typically, about 35 per cent of all vehicles checked during the two-day program were defective enough to be removed from the road, said Sgt. James Slykhuis, who is in charge of the blitz. This year, that number jumped to 43 per cent.

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Apple pulls Baby Shaker for iPhone

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Summer is for blockbusters

In honour of Earth Day, Metro Toronto will be published on recycled paper every day this week.

Pensions **Protest draws thousands**

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Canadian Auto Workers president Ken Lewenza addresses a rally Thursday at Queen's Park. Thousands of pensioners and workers crammed the front lawn of the legislature demanding the Ontario government move to better protect pensions. Story, page 4.

Gavel drops on PM

Court orders Harper to demand Khadr's repatriation

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is considering appealing an order to immediately demand the repatriation of Omar Khadr from Guantanamo Bay after a Federal Court judge ruled Thursday his failure to do so offends fundamental justice.

In a sharp rebuke of the government's hands-off policy, Judge Walter O'Reilly said Harper's refusal to get involved violated Canada's Charter of Rights.

"The ongoing refusal of Canada to request Mr. Khadr's repatriation to Canada offends a principle of fundamental justice and violates Mr. Khadr's rights," O'Reilly said in his 43-page decision released Thursday.

"Canada must present a request to the United States for Mr. Khadr's repatriation as soon as practicable." Judge Walter O'Reilly

"To mitigate the effect of that violation, Canada must present a request to the United States for Mr. Khadr's repatriation as soon as practicable."

The Toronto-born Khadr has languished in Guantanamo Bay for more than six years, accused of killing an American soldier in July 2002 when he was 15 years old.

Harper has washed his hands of the issue, saying Khadr faces serious accusations and the legal process in the U.S. has to play itself out.

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Island airport is flying high

Critics of Toronto's downtown Island airport who hoped it would fade away are en route to a disappointment: Porter Airlines has scheduled a ceremonial announcement, saying the facility "is being revitalized with additional jobs and flights."

Robert Deluce

The event Monday morning at the Toronto City Centre Airport will feature federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, Transport Minister John Baird, Ontario Economic Development Minister Michael Bryant, Toronto Port Authority chairman Mark McQueen, and Porter founder and CEO Robert Deluce, the airline said Thursday. It made no mention of Mayor David Miller.

The airline, launched amid protests in October 2006, now flies to Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec City, Halifax, New York and Chicago, and in the winter to Mont Tremblant in Quebec, with its fleet of Toronto-made Bombardier Q400 turboprop aircraft.

In 2002, the Port Authority had announced a $35-million revitalization, including a bridge to replace the ferry across the 120-metre-wide channel separating the island from the city. Expansion of the airport was opposed by neighbouring residents and became a hot issue in the 2003 Toronto municipal election, in which Miller became mayor on a promise to kill the bridge.

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School board agrees to Future Shop paint job
The Toronto District School Board agreed Wednesday night to paint two proposed computer labs in shades of grey and red, the corporate colours of Future Shop, which is donating $100,000 for computer labs for two Toronto high schools. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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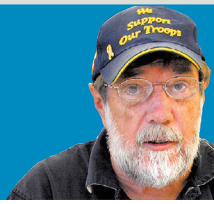

Rogue Tory returns to fold

Maverick politician Bill Murdoch says he's returning to the Progressive Conservative fold. Murdoch, who represents the riding of Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, says he's returning to Opposition benches and won't be sitting as an Independent any longer. The outspoken veteran politician was booted from the Tory caucus last September after suggesting that then-leader John Tory find another job. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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These results are not official.

News in brief

TORY Ontario must scrap its "rich" wage agreements with public sector workers if the province is to get back on firm economic footing, Progressive Conservative leadership hopeful Tim Hudak said Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Uproar over baby-shaking game

Apple pulls title from its iPhone application store after two days of selling it

Apple Inc. didn't win any votes with parents, child advocacy groups or health experts across North America this week by offering a game called Baby Shaker to iPhone customers.

Reaction to the game was so vociferous that Apple pulled it from its App Store on Wednesday — only two days after it became available.

The 99-cent game, designed by Sikalosoft, asked players to quiet a crying baby by vigorously shaking their iPhone. According to an Associated Press story, once the shaking worked, the onscreen baby developed large red Xs over its eyes.

> **"It's inappropriate and very unfortunate to cast this serious problem in a lighthearted way."**
> Richard Volpe, Institute of Child Study

Parents, experts and advocacy groups like the Utah-based National Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome condemned the game, pointing to the real dangers of causing brain injury or even death when an infant is physically mistreated in that way.

"I can't imagine why someone would think it would be funny to shake your hand (holding an iPhone) to silence a crying infant," said Richard Volpe, a psychologist and professor at University of Toronto's Institute of Child Study.

"It's inappropriate and very unfortunate to cast this serious problem in a lighthearted way," said Volpe, who has co-authored an Ontario study on Shaken Baby Syndrome.

A spokesperson at Apple's headquarters in Cupertino, Calif., issued a statement calling the game "deeply offensive" and said it should not have been approved for sale.

"We sincerely apologize for this mistake," Natalie Kerris said.

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Call to 'correct' listeriosis report

AGENCIES The heads of three federal agencies pivotal to last summer's listeriosis crisis want a damning report by Ontario's top public health official "clarified and corrected."

The most senior officials at the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, the Public Health Agency of Canada and Health Canada demanded the revisions in a recent letter to Dr. David Williams, Ontario's acting chief medical officer of health.

"We note that the document contains a number of statements which should be clarified and corrected for the public record," says the letter, dated April 20.

The letter is co-signed by CFIA president Carole Swan, chief public health officer David Butler-Jones and Health Canada deputy minister Morris Rosenberg. They declined further comment Thursday.

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Sale Worth the six-hour wait?

TARA WALTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Priya Shah, left, who had been waiting in line since 4 a.m. grabs at a dress Thursday morning inside the Eaton Centre's H&M store. The store opened its doors at 10 a.m. and unveiled its Matthew Williamson collection. At 10 a.m. shoppers ran through the doors and scrambled to grab everything and anything with the Williamson label.

News in brief

NUCLEAR A Toronto man charged with allegedly trying to send nuclear technology to Iran will spend another week and a half in custody awaiting a decision on bail, a judge said Thursday in a case the Crown characterized as unprecedented. Mahmoud Yadegari, 35, was arrested last Thursday after an eight-week investigation. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Man convicted for sex assault of boy

GUILTY An HIV-infected repeat pedophile who befriended a poor single mother to gain access to her seven-year-old son has been convicted of repeatedly sexually assaulting him.

Donald Mumford, 56, showed no reaction yesterday as Ontario Superior Court Justice Frank Marrocco found him guilty of eight charges, including aggravated sexual assault and threatening death.

Donald Mumford

Crown prosecutor Jill Witkin told the judge she will be seeking his approval for a psychiatric examination to determine whether Mumford is a suitable candidate for dangerous offender designation, under which he would be jailed indefinitely.

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Doctor charged with sexual assault
A Toronto doctor faces four charges of sexual assault related to incidents from decades ago. The assaults allegedly took place between 1983 and 1990 at the doctor's home, police said. Dr. Robert Lamont, 69, of Toronto, was charged with four counts of sexual assault. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Optimism in car talks

Chrysler deal close: Report

Talks between Chrysler and the Canadian Auto Workers are progressing and the union and officials in the Canadian and Ontario governments said Thursday a deal was close at hand.

Federal Industry Minister Tony Clement and Ontario Economic Development Minister Michael Bryant both said several steps need to be completed before governments in Canada and the United States will agree to give Chrysler the long-term bailout loans it has requested, but added that one important step — an agreement with the CAW — seemed to be near.

The Globe and Mail's online edition reported the two parties were within $1 to $2 of cutting labour costs by the $19 per hour that Chrysler had said was necessary to stay competitive as of late Thursday morning.

A CAW spokesman could not confirm the report.

This would represent a significant reversal for the CAW, which had previously insisted it would stick to the pattern established in an earlier agreement with General Motors, which cut that company's labour costs by about $7 per hour.

Bryant said he spoke Thursday morning with both CAW president Ken Lewenza and management at Chrysler.

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Deadline

- Chrysler has been given to the end of April to reach deals with its unions in Canada and the U.S., to cement a potentially life-saving alliance with Fiat and to provide governments with an acceptable restructuring plan.

Goodbye **She'll be missed**

MICHAEL STUPARYK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Junior kindergarten student Samantha Bigras, 5, says goodbye to Lois Roberts Thursday at Ionview Public School in Scarborough. Roberts, 87, a daily volunteer at the school for the past 25 years, is retiring Friday.

Protesters rally for pensions

CAW The Ontario and federal governments have abandoned pensioners and will pay a price at the ballot box unless they move to better protect pensions, autoworkers threatened Thursday as they descended on the provincial legislature by the thousands.

In a fiery speech to autoworkers and others outside the legislature, Canadian Auto Workers president Ken Lewenza said every worker deserves a pension, and chastised the government for trying to rob retirees of their dignity.

"They call you a legacy cost after your contribution to our country," Lewenza told the crowd.

"You're human beings that have bills, that need pension protection and pension income."

Police pegged the rally at 6,000 strong, while the union said it drew 15,000 people. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

HELP As the infant at the centre of a heart transplant drama at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children fights for her life, her father made a plea Thursday for financial help in caring for baby Kaylee amid a battle to protect his reputation. Jason Wallace, 34, held a press conference Thursday to announce several fundraisers to raise money for Kaylee and a trust fund set up by his wife's best friend. Kaylee continues to receive treatment at the Hospital for Sick Children.

KITTENS Ten kittens found abandoned in a plastic bag on Oakwood Avenue near Vaughan Road are being cared for by a few nursing cats at a Humane Society shelter. The helpless animals were found in the city's west end Wednesday night.

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Search to resume for missing teens

A search will resume May 2 for two Quebec teens missing since last September from a small town that borders a native reserve north of Ottawa. Maisy Odjick, 16, and Shannon Alexander, 17, were last seen in Maniwaki, next to the Kitigan Zibi First Nation reserve. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Don't get sick on Tuesdays

As of next month, Tuesdays will not be a good day to have health issues for anyone living in the western end of Nova Scotia's Annapolis County. Starting May 5, the emergency room at the Annapolis Community Health Centre will be closed on Tuesdays for almost a year. Officials with the Annapolis Valley Health authority say the closure will last until next year when a new doctor is supposed to arrive. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Troops to get boost

Canada to feel 'positive impact' of U.S soldiers in Afghan war

Canada's mission in Afghanistan is set to undergo a "dramatic" transformation in the coming year as American troops flood into the country, a senior Canadian diplomat said Thursday.

The influx will have a "remarkable and positive impact" on what Canada is trying to achieve in the war-torn country, said Ben Rowswell, deputy head of Mission in Kabul.

"We are on the cusp of a significant transformation in the mission where ... the American forces are going to flow into part of Kandahar and into Helmand province," Rowswell said.

"That will have a dramatic effect on the insurgency capacity to move across the border easily and will have a complementary effect ... on our own operations."

U.S. President Barack Obama has ordered thousands of American soldiers to deploy to Afghanistan as Washington moves to end its involvement in Iraq.

Many of the soldiers will be used in the volatile Kandahar area of southern Afghanistan, where Canadian forces have battled a determined insurgency at heavy cost.

Rowswell's comments came at an event at CFB Petawawa, which brought together representatives of the government, military and civilian agencies to discuss Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

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Saskatchewan support

• Critics are unhappy with a plan by the Saskatchewan government to put decals on all vehicles in the provincial fleet to show support for Canadian troops.

The decals — consisting of a yellow ribbon, the provincial coat of arms and the words "Support Our Troops" — will be put on 8,500 vehicles.

Sheila Muxlow, the Council of Canadians' prairie organizer, says the decals suggest support for the war in Afghanistan and shouldn't be on public vehicles.

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Ottawa **Wedding protest**

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Lanie Towell wears a red door over her wedding dress Thursday to demonstrate against immigration through fraudulent marriages on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. Towell's husband left her after she sponsored him to immigrate to Canada.

Inquiry told former PM was 'unrelenting'

INQUIRY Brian Mulroney waged an "unrelenting campaign" to try to keep his business dealings with Karlheinz Schreiber from coming to light, says the man who broke the story.

William Kaplan, testifying Thursday at a public inquiry, said the former prime minister, in a series of interviews and phone calls in 2003, repeatedly insisted he had done nothing wrong and there was no need to disclose the transactions. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

HEALTH Public health units across the country have been warned to be on guard for cases of a mystery illness in Canadians returning from Mexico. The warning follows reports of respiratory illness, which in some cases has led to death.

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Women barred from suing Health Canada

The Supreme Court has rejected a bid by 30,000 women to sue Health Canada after ruptured breast implants leaked silicon. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Freedom celebrated

Canadian diplomats make first stop in Mali

Two Canadian diplomats sporting full white beards celebrated their freedom in an opulent hilltop palace in Mali Thursday — a day after being released by their al-Qaida captors.

Robert Fowler and Louis Guay showed no sign of physical harm. Their long beards were the only hint of a kidnapping ordeal that began in December in neighbouring Niger.

The high-ranking diplomats planned several stops to thank the African governments that helped them gain their freedom. Their first stop was a reception at the gleaming white presidential palace overlooking Mali's capital.

President Amadou Toumani Toure delivered a toast in which he thanked Canada for making Mali one of its biggest recipients of foreign aid, and said he considered it his moral duty to help a friendly nation.

The Malian government negotiated with the diplomats' captors, using elected officials and tribal chiefs in the Sahel desert region as intermediaries.

A spokesperson said Mali did "not pay a single penny" in ransom money. He declined to say what might have been offered in exchange.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Canada does not pay ransom or exchange prisoners for hostages — but he was careful to note that two other countries participated in the release.

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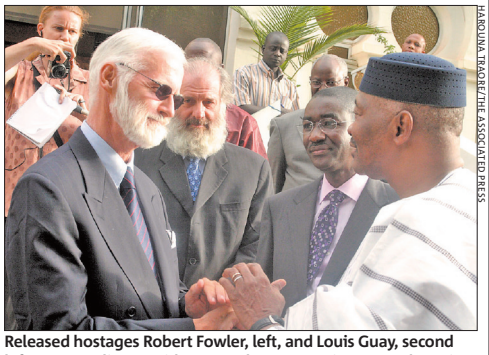

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Released hostages Robert Fowler, left, and Louis Guay, second left, meet Malian President Amadou Toumani Toure and Foreign Minister Moctar Ouane Thursday in Bamako, Mali.

Police chief apologizes for arrest

AUTISM The chief of a Newfoundland police force apologized Thursday to a teenager and his mother after the youth was arrested and detained for eight hours because officers mistook symptoms of his autism for signs of intoxication.

Dane Spurrell

Chief Joe Browne of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary met with Diane Spurrell and her son Dane at their home and apologized for actions he called "incorrect."

The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary will begin training next month to increase awareness for its officers of autism, Browne said.

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Study finds wait times cut, except knee replacements

HEALTH The provinces are making some headway in their quest to reduce wait times for certain treatments and surgeries, except knee replacements.

A report by the Canadian Institute for Health Information says eight provinces provided data that show more than 75 per cent of cancer patients are receiving radiation treatment within a wait-time benchmark of 28 days.

As well, more than 90 per cent of patients receive coronary bypass surgery within 26 weeks.

But data show that only Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Ontario have reached the wait-time benchmark of three-quarters of patients getting a knee replacement within a 26-week period.

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News in brief

SPOUSE A former Alberta government employee is mulling a human rights complaint over a benefits package that defines a "spouse" only as someone of the opposite sex. Scott Mair says he was forced to list his husband as a "benefit partner." Challenged in the legislature, Premier Ed Stelmach has said the important point is that benefits are guaranteed for same-sex partners.

CANDY New Zealand's high commissioner in Ottawa is disappointed her fellow Kiwis are angry at an Inuk woman from Canada who raised concerns about the brand name — Eskimos — of a candy popular in the southern island nation. Seeka Veevee Parsons, 21, made headlines across New Zealand after complaining the Eskimos candies are racist and derogatory. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Iraqi deaths top 100,000 since war began

A previously undisclosed Iraqi government tally obtained by The Associated Press shows that at least 87,215 Iraqis have been killed in violence since 2005. But an in-depth AP review shows the total for the entire war exceeds 110,000 Iraqis. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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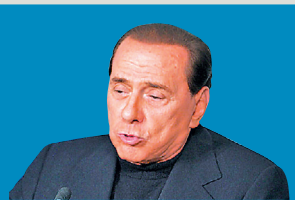

Italy wants to move G8 summit

Italy wants to move this summer's Group of Eight summit to earthquake-stricken L'Aquila from Sardinia — both to save money and to give the devastated central region an economic boost. Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, left, told a news conference after a cabinet meeting in L'Aquila on Thursday that the cost of holding the July 8-10 summit on the Sardinian island of La Maddalena would be $285 million. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Taliban feeling emboldened?

Pakistani paramilitary forces rushing to protect government buildings and bridges in a Taliban-infiltrated district just 100 kilometres from the capital Islamabad were met with gunfire Thursday that killed one police officer, authorities said.

It was not immediately clear if the gunmen were Taliban militants, but the clash in Buner district is likely to heighten concern about the viability of a government backed peace deal with the Taliban in northwest Pakistan.

The deal imposes Islamic law in a large segment of the country's northwest in exchange for peace with Taliban militants in the neighbouring Swat Valley.

In recent days, the valley's militants have entered Buner in large numbers — establishing checkpoints, patrolling roads and spreading fear. Their movement has bolstered critics' claims that the deal would merely embolden the militants.

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Hillary Clinton

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• Pakistan is beginning to recognize the severity of the threat posed by an extremist insurgency that is encroaching on key urban areas, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said Thursday.

Multiple wives, only one first lady

POLITICS There's little question who will lead South Africa after Wednesday's national election. The real mystery lies in who will be the country's first lady.

As Jacob Zuma, the man preordained to be the country's next president, voted in his rural Zulu homeland Wednesday, one of his two current wives stood to the side watching patiently as he was mobbed by cheering crowds and reporters.

Zuma, 67, a Zulu traditionalist and an unabashed polygamist, has married at least four women over the years. Only two are still with him: Sizakele Khumalo, whom he married in 1973, and Ntuli, who he wed last year.

One of his wives committed suicide in 2000. Zuma divorced the other although she remains a trusted aide and as the country's foreign affairs minister is expected to join his cabinet.

He is said to have more than 10 children.

It's common in their culture for men to take multiple wives.

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Jacob Zuma, who will be South Africa's next president, dances with his wife, Nompumelelo Ntuli, during their Zulu traditional wedding in January 2008. Zuma currently has two wives.

News in brief

KILLINGS A Venezuelan court has sentenced four police officers and nine civilians to 30 years in prison for kidnapping and killing three young brothers and a driver. Prosecutors say 13 people were convicted in the abduction and killings of the Faddoul brothers, ages 17, 13 and 12, who had dual Canadian-Venezuelan citizenship.

APE ESCAPE Separated from his mother and confronted by a group of angry pregnant females, a bonobo ape didn't hesitate Thursday at a Dutch zoo. Zamba ran through a seven-metre-wide moat surrounding the animals' island at the Apenheul zoo and straight into an area where dozens of shocked visitors were standing. But there, the 11-year-old lived up to his species' reputation as peacenik primates and left the public alone until zookeepers ushered him safely back. Nobody was injured in the escape. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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'Hitler paintings' fetch big cash

What a British auction house in Ludlow, England claims are a set of paintings and sketches by a young Adolf Hitler sold at auction Thursday for the equivalent of almost $177,000. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Americans give Obama thumbs up: New poll

U.S. For the first time in years, more Americans than not say the country is headed in the right direction, a sign that Barack Obama has used the first 100 days of his presidency to lift the public's mood and inspire hopes for a brighter future.

Intensely worried about their personal finances and medical expenses, Americans nonetheless appear realistic about the time Obama might need to turn things around, according to an Associated Press-GfK poll.

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News in brief

ATTACK Security forces in Madagascar announced Thursday they thwarted an attack against the wife of the country's military-backed president. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Zurich Tut does T.O.

Members of staff look at pieces from the Tutankhamun – His Tomb And Its Treasures exhibition in the Toni Area in Zurich, Switzerland. King Tut is headed for Canada. An extensive exhibition featuring 130 pieces from the boy king's tomb and other ancient sites will be at Toronto's Art Gallery of Ontario. The exhibit makes its sole Canadian appearance with a members-only preview Nov. 21 and public opening Nov. 24.

Situation worsens

Sri Lanka pleads for foreign aid for civilians

Sri Lanka pleaded for international help Thursday in what it called an "emergency humanitarian situation," after a medical relief group warned that civilian casualties are rising rapidly in the country's war zone despite the exodus of more than 100,000 in recent days.

United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon said he was sending a mission of experts to assess the deteriorating situation. He said the team will be tasked to "monitor the situation and support humanitarian assistance."

Some 350 wounded and their accompanying relatives were evacuated by the Red Cross to a hospital outside the war zone Wednesday, according to a Red Cross spokesperson who estimated that 1,000 people in the conflict zone were badly wounded and in desperate need of treatment.

Only two ill-equipped makeshift hospitals function in the tiny zone. Dr. Thangamuttu Sathyamurthi, who works there, said his staff is struggling with a shortage of medicine as wounded patients continue to flood the hospitals despite the evacuations. He said 15 people were killed Thursday when shells hit a Roman Catholic church, wounding a priest whose leg was amputated. Another priest was wounded in shelling Wednesday.

The UN Security Council expressed concern at the plight of the civilians trapped in the tiny coastal strip still controlled by the Tamil Tigers. It asked the rebels to lay down their arms, renounce terrorism and join talks to end the country's 25-year civil war.

It also urged the government to allow international agencies access to those affected by the fighting.

But despite its calls for help, the government did not say if it would let aid groups into the war zone. Since September, only the Red Cross has had access.

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Civilians in zone

- Both the government and the rebels deny targeting civilians, but the UN estimates over 4,500 have been killed the past three months.
- The government says the shrinking war zone, which now measures just 12 square kilometres, is packed with 15,000 to 20,000 civilians.
- 102,790 civilians escaped the zone so far this week.

INFORMATION FEATURE

Peer pressure can lead to gangs

Once in a gang, kids can feel trapped, often afraid to seek help for fear of reprisal, says Kids Help Phone counsellor Maria Montanaro.

GANGS Gangs threaten to claims the lives and futures of kids but there is hope — and real help — found in reaching out.

After being seduced by prospects of power and money into joining a gang, many kids quickly realize the dangers are far more real and benefits far less glamourous than they initially imagined.

Once the fantasy of gang life wears off and harsh reality sets in, kids looking for a way out can feel trapped, hopeless and scared.

"There are real dangers and real risks when you're in a gang," said Maria Montanaro, a counsellor at Kids Help Phone. Montanaro, 50, has counselled kids at Kids Help Phone for 10 years and spent 15 years before that working as a youth protection worker.

Montanaro says kids get pulled into gangs for many different reasons, often hoping for a sense of belonging and acceptance, to feel protected or because of peer pressure by friends or even family members who are already in gangs. Once there, many kids realize that gang life is scary and dangerous and a large number of gang-related calls Kids Help Phone gets are from kids who have gotten into gangs and want to find a way out.

"Often they're not finding the acceptance they were looking for, or they might have seen something happen they don't agree with. Often they're telling us, 'This is not what I wanted to get into'," Montanaro said.

Once inside a gang, kids can feel trapped and vulnerable and afraid to seek help for fear of reprisals from the gang and the more entrenched in a gang a kid is, the stronger those feelings of helplessness can get.

"Kids don't always have the life skills or the coping mechanisms to know what to do — for kids who are involved in hardcore gangs, it can be very difficult to make that call," Montanaro said.

No matter how bad things can seem for kids stuck in a gang, there is a lot of help out there and the first step can be making a call to Kids Help Phone, where conversations are completely anonymous and counsellors never pressure kids to take steps they don't feel comfortable in taking.

"There are no strings attached. We don't track down phone numbers and we don't ask who you are. We work with kids to let them come up with their own conclusions," Montanaro said.

The most important step, Montanaro says, is to realize that gang life doesn't have to be a prison and something doesn't feel right, you need to seek help.

"If you feel like this is not okay, listen to that gut feeling."

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How 'green' are our choices, really?

Stefanie Urbanowicz

Kermit the Frog had it right when he said, "It's not easy being green." We all want to do the right thing for the environment, but it's very confusing. We are constantly bombarded with new "green" choices — compact fluorescent light bulbs, organic food, bio-fuels and even greener packaging. But are these choices really more environmentally-friendly?

It's trickier than it seems. Close examination shows the choices aren't clear, and what we think is green might actually be worse for the environment. For example, organic foods are perceived to offer a better environmental choice — but only if they aren't transported thousands of miles.

Fluorescent light bulbs last longer and consume less energy — but they are loaded with toxic mercury lethal to humans and the environment.

Bio-fuels may create less air pollution — but they may divert valuable, needed land from food production, straining the world's food supply.

Even the much-promoted reusable grocery bag is a case study in how tricky green can be.

Cotton reusable bags are very fossil fuel intensive and soil depleting. According to the Pesticide Action Network of North America, 25 per cent of the world's insecticides are used in the production of cotton.

Perhaps that's why most reusable grocery bags in Canada are made from heavy plastic.

Another not-so-green aspect of reusable bags is that most are made in China and shipped across the Pacific when they could be made here in Canada.

Surprisingly, the much-vilified plastic shopping bag may be much better for the environment than people think. Why? First, it's usually made in Canada, eliminating carbon-producing long-distance transport. Second, it's made from clean natural gas produced right here in Canada.

And without plastic bags what will we do with our household garbage? Using your 99-cent reusable bag as a bin liner isn't going to happen, so now you'll buy kitchen catchers containing almost double the amount of plastic of the traditional bags you used to get for free. This will cost you more and result in more plastic being consumed.

Also, what happens to that reusable bag when it tears or the handle breaks? Contrary to what we've been told, reusable grocery bags cannot be recycled in Canada.

Ironically, traditional plastic shopping bags are easily recycled across Ontario in blue bin programs and at participating retailers with a real environmental ethos. These bags are recyclable, and they're remanufactured in Ontario into useful new products like drainage pipes and garden edging — creating much needed manufacturing jobs.

Even Kermit the Frog would be pleased with this green choice.

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Views

Fire sparks thoughts of neighbourhood value

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The puff of black smoke staining the sky behind the shabby three-storey building was the initial sign of trouble. Then a young woman burst onto the street screaming "fire, fire" in Spanish.

Within minutes the first of more than a dozen fire trucks arrived on the scene at Bloor near Shaw Street, but by then flames had engulfed the web of wooden balconies behind the block's middle building. The Good Friday fire started in the late afternoon and was doused within half an hour. The buildings — at least three of them badly charred — remain standing. But their near brush with oblivion made me think.

It made me think about old sections of the city and their continuing vulnerability to fire. A tougher building code restricting the construction of wooden structures was enacted after an 1849 blaze destroyed most of the block bounded by King, Church, Jarvis and Adelaide.

But it was last year's devastating fire that destroyed century-old buildings and left a gaping hole on Queen Street, just east of Bathurst, that was top of mind as the Good Friday flames spread from the original location to structures on either side.

The three-alarm fire also made me think about why we value buildings like the ones along this stretch of Bloor. They date back to the early 1900s, they look their age and they aren't going to win any beauty prizes. Each one is a different shade of faded red brick. Bay windows looking out from the apartments on the two upper storeys are their most charming feature.

Compared to the squat, soulless, brick buildings recently built next door, however, the places shriek character. And as urban guru Jane Jacobs pointed out, there's a lot to be said for encouraging a mix of new construction and rundown, old buildings because it means local businesses can find rents in their price range. That in turn ensures a vibrant neighbourhood with a variety of services. In this case, a printer, an upholstery shop and a flower shop. They change over time because change in the city is a constant.

Watching as fire threatened part of my neighbourhood, however, I thought about how that change should be gradual — not something that unfolds in one afternoon.

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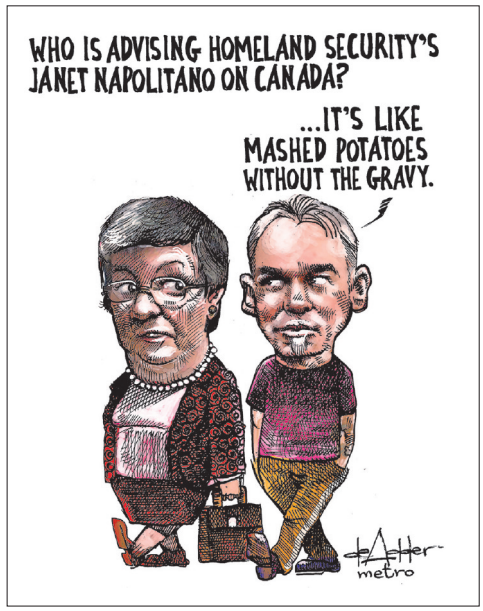

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Coca-Cola CEO elected new chairman

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Cigarette maker's profit declines

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Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney arrives for a press conference in Ottawa Thursday.

Bank eyes dramatic steps

The Bank of Canada has set the stage for direct intervention in financial markets through purchases of government and corporate bonds, declaring that Canada's capacity to produce is taking a big hit in a severe recession.

The central bank's long-awaited policy statement Thursday on so-called quantitative and credit easing contained no specific commitment to move into uncharted waters, and governor Mark Carney stressed this would only be done if conditions worsened, indicating no action will be taken until at least June.

The bank says Canada will begin to recover next year with a growth rate of 2.5 per cent, but in the meantime will suffer a devastating recession — deeper than in the United States. The main reason is that U.S. weakness in the housing and auto sectors is hammering Canadian export industries — vehicles, parts and forest products.

The loss of 270,000 Canadian jobs in the first quarter, combined with declining household worth, has driven down spending.

It says Canada's economy likely contracted at a steep 7.3 per cent in the first three months this year and will shrink by three per cent this year as a whole.

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Finished with traditional moves

- Having slashed its interest rate to 0.25 per cent from 4.5 per cent in 16 months, and pledging to keep it that low for the next year, the Bank of Canada has shot its last bullet in trying to revive credit markets and economic growth through traditional means.

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Slowing economy hits railway

FREIGHT Steep drops in the volumes of fertilizer, coal and other products Canadian Pacific Railway carries on its network contributed to a 31 per cent drop in first-quarter profits, the Calgary-based railway said Thursday.

With carloads down 19 per cent from a year ago, earnings for the first three months of 2009 were $62.5 million, down from $90.7 million in the same year-ago period.

"This was a tough quarter for us financially as we were hit hard by unprecedented volume declines, which were magnified by the loss of our coal and potash business," chief financial officer Kathryn McQuade told an analyst conference call.

Canadian Pacific has issued temporary layoffs to keep costs down.

Quarterly revenues fell by seven per cent to $1.07 billion from $1.15 billion.

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A 50-year-old job seeker waits Thursday to talk to a job counsellor in Las Vegas. The number of U.S. workers continuing to file claims for unemployment benefits topped 6.1 million.

Jobs, housing data in U.S. undermine recovery hopes

ECONOMY Worse-than-expected news on unemployment and home sales Thursday dampened optimism that a broad economic recovery might be near.

Many analysts don't expect the housing slide to show signs of stabilizing until the second half of this year. They said layoffs may be at their high point, but the jobless rate, already at a 25-year high, will keep rising until the middle of 2010.

The U.S. Labour Department reported Thursday that initial claims for unemployment compensation rose to 640,000 last week, up from a revised 613,000 the previous week.

Meanwhile, sales of existing homes fell three per cent in March to 4.57 million units, with February revised down to 4.71 million units.

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Recession profitable for grocery store chain

FOOD Grocery store operator Metro Inc. reported soaring profits as recession-weary consumers shunned restaurants for home-cooked meals, helping to confirm the view that tough times are good for grocers and pharmacy retailers.

With its conventional and discount stores in Quebec and Ontario and a new line of private label products, Metro said it is well-positioned to take advantage of consumer angst as they look for value.

CEO Eric La Fleche said Thursday momentum is strongest at its discount Food Basics and Super C stores, although sales are also growing at its conventional banners.

The company earned $76.3 million or 68 cents per share for the quarter ended March 14, a record for the second quarter. Profits were up more than 41 per cent from year-earlier net earnings of $54 million or 48 cents per share.

Revenues rose 7.5 per cent to $2.55 billion.

Sales at locations open for at least a year — a key measure for retailers — surged 7.3 per cent for the quarter, aided by four per cent price inflation.

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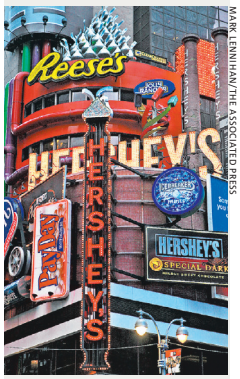
Change

- The company has converted 89 of 159 stores to the Metro banner. The rebranding process will be completed by the end of the year with the conversion of A&P stores.

Finance chief planned to take break a day before apparent suicide
Freddie Mac's acting chief financial officer, David Kellermann, had met with the mortgage giant's human resources office and had been making plans to take time off only a day before authorities found him dead in an apparent suicide. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sales Sweet



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Advertisements for Hershey's hang above the chocolate company's Times Square store in New York this week. Hershey reported a 20 per cent surge Thursday in first-quarter profit because of a longer Easter sales season and a recent price increase.

Poor nations eye IMF's gold stash

Hit by fallout from the financial meltdown, the world's poorest nations are eyeing a stash of gold owned by the International Monetary Fund.

Ahead of weekend meetings of the IMF and World Bank in Washington, officials from developing nations and anti-poverty advocates are lobbying to get some of the billions of dollars in profits the IMF could reap if it sold a chunk of its vast holdings of gold.

In recent years, business at the world's lender of last resort has been slow. Countries weren't borrowing. Operational funds were down. Looking to its budgetary needs, the IMF board last May approved a broad financial overhaul strategy to ensure the soundness of the fund over time.

Part of the plan involves selling one-eighth of its stash of 103.4 million ounces of gold. Money from the sale would be used as a source of income to pay operational expenses at the fund.

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Skyrocketing gold prices

- When the gold sale was proposed in January 2007, the 12.97 million ounces proposed for sale had a value of $6.6 billion US.
- Since then, gold prices have skyrocketed. The gold now has a market value of around $12 billion US, the IMF says.

In brief

OILSANDS Suncor Energy, which aims to merge with Petro-Canada this year, said Thursday it had an operationally strong first quarter, despite having been dragged to a loss by low oil prices. Suncor reported a net loss of $189 million for the quarter, reversing year-earlier profit of $708 million. Production from the second-largest oilsands producer's vast operations near Fort McMurray, Alta., was 278,000 barrels per day during the first three months of 2009, compared to 248,000 a year earlier. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Oshawa plant spared in GM shutdown

AUTOS General Motors Corp. said Thursday it will temporarily close 13 assembly plants in the United States and Mexico, laying off nearly 24,000 workers to pare back a bloated inventory.

The closures, which will start in May, vary by factory from as short as three weeks to as long as 11.

The company plans to cut production by 190,000 vehicles and reduce inventory from the current 767,000 to 525,000 by the end of July.

The GM plant in Oshawa will not be affected because it is in the process of launching the new Chevrolet Camaro.

It was not clear whether GM's engine plant in St. Catharines or its transmission plant in Windsor would be shut down. Both supply parts to the U.S. market.

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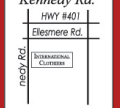

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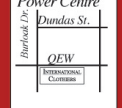

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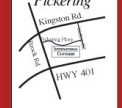

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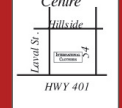

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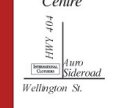

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Stairs breaks up Bush no-hit bid

Former Blue Jay Dave Bush held Philadelphia hitless for 7⅓ innings Thursday before pinch-hitter and fellow former Jay Matt Stairs of Fredericton, N.B., homered off the foul pole. The Milwaukee Brewers beat the Phillies 6-1. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Thin staff gets thinner

The Blue Jays placed left-handed starter Ricky Romero, left, and closer B.J. Ryan on the 15-day disabled list Thursday. Romero has a right oblique muscle strain while Ryan has a strained trapezius muscle. Romero has been one of the bright spots in the Jays rotation, going 2-0 with a 1.71 ERA. Ryan has been struggling, blowing two saves in four chances so far. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Columbus' Rick Nash collides with the Wings Valtteri Filppula Thursday. Detroit completed the series sweep with a 6-5 win.

Wings move on, Flyers hang on

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Johan Franzen scored on a power play with 46.6 seconds left, giving the Detroit Red Wings a 6-5 victory and a series sweep over the Columbus Blue Jackets Thursday night. Marian Hossa had two goals for the reigning Stanley Cup champions.

Flyers 3, Penguins 0

The Philadelphia Flyers were determined not to be upstaged and outworked in a Game 5 in Pittsburgh.

Arron Asham and Claude Giroux got the first two goals and the Flyers avoided elimination by beating the Penguins 3-0 Thursday to force Game 6 in their first-round series.

Devils 1, Hurricanes 0

Martin Brodeur tied Patrick Roy's NHL record for playoff shutouts in a 1-0 win over Carolina that moved the Devils within a win of advancing to the second round.

For a recap of the Sharks/Ducks game, visit metronews.ca/sports.

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Jays keep winning

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Scott Richmond pitched six strong innings while Vernon Wells, Lyle Overbay and Alex Rios each hit home runs as the Blue Jays defeated the Texas Rangers 5-2 Thursday night.

The Blue Jays won the series 2-1 and have won five series to open the season, something they have never done before.

Rios' home run with a runner on in the fifth was his first of the season and proved decisive.

Richmond, a native of North Vancouver, B.C., gave a solid performance on a day when the Blue Jays needed some good news about their pitching.

Richmond (2-0) held the Rangers to two runs on six hits, while striking out a career-high eight in six innings. Brandon League took over in the seventh, while Jesse Carlson and Shawn Camp pitched eighth.

Scott Downs, who manager Cito Gaston said before the game was not available, threw a perfect ninth for his first save of the season.

The Blue Jays hit more than one home run in an inning just six times last season. Toronto tied that mark in the second inning when Wells and Overbay went deep for solo shots.

In each case it was their third home run of the season, with Wells leading off the inning by hitting a fastball over the fence.

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Alex Rios is congratulated by Aaron Hill after Rios' two-run homer off Texas' Kevin Millwood Thursday night.

NHL: No second team in T.O.

NHL The NHL has confirmed that deputy commissioner Bill Daly met with a group of business people interested in bringing a second team to the Toronto area.

But the league says that was the extent of it. "There is no consideration of bringing a second franchise to Toronto," the league said in a statement Thursday. "We have no intention to expand in the foreseeable future, and there is no desire to relocate any of our existing franchises."

Paul Kelly, executive director of the NHL Players' Association, was more receptive. "Without discussing specifics, I have previously met informally with groups that have expressed an interest in putting a second team in Toronto or southern Ontario," he said in a statement. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Two charged in TFC flare incident

MLS Two men are facing charges after a female fan was injured by a flare thrown from the stands at Toronto FC's game against Chivas USA on Wednesday. Toronto Police said two flares were thrown from the stands at BMO Field at the Major League Soccer game. One landed on a woman's thigh. The other landed on the artificial turf, causing about $2,000 damage. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports in brief

SOCCER The U.S. defeated Canada 4-2 yesterday in Tijuana, Mexico, to qualify for this year's FIFA U-17 World Cup.

NHL Nicklas Lidstrom of Detroit, Mike Green of Washington and Zdeno Chara of Boston are the finalists for the Norris Trophy as the NHL's top defenceman, the league announced Thursday.

NBA Davidson guard Stephen Curry will skip his senior season and take his sweet shooting stroke to the NBA. After weeks of struggling to decide, U.S. college basketball's leading scorer announced Thursday that he will enter the NBA draft. Curry is the son of former Raptors sharpshooter Dell Curry.

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MLS gets cash for extending Beckham loan

Major League Soccer will be receiving $10 million US for its agreement to extend David Beckham's loan to AC Milan through the end of the season. Beckham will rejoin the Galaxy July 1. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Call her Josephine Maguire

Kristen Kuliga a rarity in the world of pro football agents

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Kristen Kuliga calls herself the Josephine Maguire of National Football League agents.

Similar to the fictional movie character Jerry Maguire, Kuliga began in the high-profile world of representing NFL and CFL players with only one client, which evolved into multiple clients.

Kuliga, who is based out of Boston, launched her career as one of the few women representing NFL players through Doug Flutie in 2001.

She negotiated the $33-million contract he signed with San Diego and later did his deal in New England and then in broadcasting following his retirement.

Some of her current NFL players include linebacker Alfred Fincher (New Orleans), linebacker Jeremy Cain (Philadelphia) and punter Ben Graham (Arizona). She also represents

Kristen Kuliga got her start representing Doug Flutie.

wide receiver Brandon Robinson of Boston College and centre Michael Parenton of Tulane, both of whom are eligible for this weekend's NFL draft.

Her clients also include quarterback Quinton Porter of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats and former Indianapolis Colts running back Clifton Dawson, a Torontonian whose CFL rights are owned by the Toronto Argonauts.

Kuliga said being a player agent is tough regardless of being a man or a woman.

"It's very competitive," she said. "There are about 800 or so certified agents and I think it's something like 20 per cent of the agents represent 80 per cent of the players.

"I see it not so much that it's more difficult as a female. I see it's more difficult as a small boutique firm out there when you're competing against the big firms.

"As a woman I can honestly say I've never been treated with disrespect from general managers or scouts. Sometimes I think it gives me an advantage because these guys work with men 24 hours of the day, so it's something different and I think in this business you have to differentiate yourself."

She began her career providing marketing support for players starting in 1994, starting with Flutie while he was with the Calgary Stampeders, before branching out on her own and forming K Sports & Entertainment.

"I always say it's the Josephine Maguire (story)," she said. "In the back of my mind I always wanted to be an agent."

NFL draft weekend

- The Atlanta Falcons acquired all-pro tight end Tony Gonzalez from the Kansas City Chiefs Thursday for a second-round pick in 2010.
- The Detroit Lions hold the first pick this weekend and are rumoured to be courting Georgia QB Matthew Stafford.
- Notable draft-eligible Canadians include OL Justin Sorensen (Parksville, B.C.) of South Carolina and DE Jamaal Westerman (Brampton) of Rutgers.
- Western Ontario DL Vaughn Martin has worked out for several NFL teams and has the distinction of being the first CIS underclassman to declare for the NFL draft. He isn't eligible for the CFL draft until 2011.
- The NFL draft kicks off Saturday at 4 p.m. (TSN/NFL Network).

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NBA Celts battle Bulls in Game 3

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Paul Pierce and the Bulls John Salmons struggle for a rebound in Game 3 of their Eastern Conference first-round series Thursday. Boston won 107-86. For a recap, visit metronews.ca/sports.

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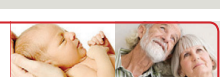

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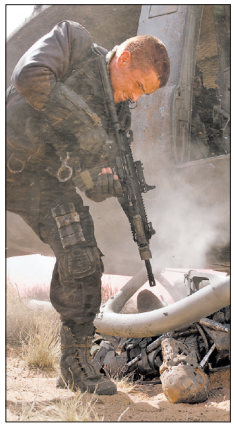
Here comes blockbuster season

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

It's hard to believe, but in one week the month of May will be upon us and with it the onset of the summer blockbuster season.

Sure, 2009 has already made some surprising splashes at the box office (I'm looking at you, Paul Blart: Mall Cop), but with such highly-anticipated releases as Terminator Salvation (May 22), the sixth Harry Potter film (July 15) and G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (August 7), summer should ensure some of the year's biggest moneymakers.



X-Men Origins: Wolverine, starring Hugh Jackman, will open the summer blockbuster parade on May 1, with other big releases, such as the Christian Bale starrer Terminator Salvation, right, to come in the following months.

Here's a peek at a few of summer's exciting highlights:

X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE (MAY 1)

Like last year's Iron Man, summer kicks off with a hotly-anticipated comic-book movie. Everyone's favorite mutant, Wolverine, brings Hugh Jackman back into the role that made him a Hollywood star.

STAR TREK (MAY 8)

If you don't know about J.J. Abrams' overhyped reimagining of this sci-fi franchise, then you've been living on the planet Gamma Hydra IV (and if you got that reference, you definitely knew about this remake). This should be one of the biggest hits of 2009.

UP (MAY 29)

Like Wall-E and every other Pixar animated flick before it, this clever comedy about an old man who converts his house into a hot-air balloon will surely send ticket sales skyward.

LAND OF THE LOST (JUNE 5)

An adaptation of the cheesy 1970s Saturday morning TV series, a scientist is sucked through a vortex back to prehistoric times. With Will Ferrell in charge, somehow I suspect it'll be tongue-in-cheek.

TRANSFORMERS: REVENGE OF THE FALLEN (JUNE 26)

Shia LaBeouf, Megan Fox and those crazy morphing robots are back in this thrilling sequel. Since the 2007 original earned over $300 million in ticket sales, I'd say this is a safe bet at the box office.

PUBLIC ENEMIES (JULY 1)

Want a guaranteed big-screen hit? Take Johnny Depp, add director Michael Mann (Collateral) and get them together for a movie about legendary bank robber John Dillinger. There you go. Instant hit.

BRÜNO (JULY 10)

Sacha Baron Cohen's hit character Borat comes back in the form of Brüno, a flamboyant designer who taunts everything from high-end fashion designers to gun-toting rednecks. Early buzz predicts it will be just as provocative and funny as Borat. No word yet on appearances by hairy, naked fat dudes.

Summer **Preview**

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Foxx jarring note in moving Soloist

The **Soloist**
Director: Joe Wright
Stars: Robert Downey Jr., Jamie Foxx
Classification: PG
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕½

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Between its infamous rescheduling out of Oscar season last year and star Robert Downey Jr.'s hilarious diatribe in Tropic Thunder about the perils of playing mentally ill on film, it's hard to watch The Soloist without that little golden guy tapping on your shoulder.

Sure, Jamie Foxx makes a good schizophrenic homeless Juilliard dropout, but an Oscar-worthy one?

While Foxx's job as Nathaniel Ayers checks off all the boxes for a stirring portrayal of mental illness, there's little spark to it. Too much of the effort shows, leaving not so much a character onscreen as Jamie Foxx playing a character.

But Downey quietly steals the movie out from under his co-star. His Steve Lopez is a fantastic mix of world-weary cynicism and innate curiosity.

The one aspect of the film that may split audiences is the inclusion of actual Skid Row residents and mentally ill shelter-dwellers, playing themselves.

While putting a real, human face on the issue is laudable and eye-opening, watching Hollywood star Jamie Foxx in full homeless drag sitting among actual homeless people is more than a little jarring.

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Two new additions to Iron Man cast

The ever-increasing cast of Iron Man 2 has landed two more names; Kate Mara and Clark Gregg. Mara plays a character who's still under wraps and Gregg returns as S.H.I.E.L.D. agent Phil Coulson. Iron Man 2 is out on May 7, 2010. EMPIREONLINE.COM

Reel Time

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Laughter's the best duct tape

Garner keeps her humour on with comedy Ghosts of Girlfriends Past

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Movie **feature**

In Jennifer Garner's latest film, Ghosts of Girlfriends Past, she plays maid of honour for a wedding imperiled by her caddish ex, played by Matthew McConaughey. But to hear Garner tell it, she's often the one more likely to wreak havoc on someone else's nuptials.

"I'm usually part of the disaster of a wedding if I'm a bridesmaid, which I've been lucky to be several times," Garner says, smiling sheepishly. "One time I had had my dress altered and hadn't tried it on again, and there was six inches left on the hem," she remembers.

"We had to duct tape it up. You can fix anything with duct tape."

Garner's own wedding to Ben Affleck wasn't so fraught, and the two have become an anomaly in Hollywood: A normal, happy family.

"The rule with marriage is the less you talk about it, the better, as far as I can tell," Garner jokes.

Garner and Affleck recently welcomed their second daughter, Serraphina. Juggling young motherhood and working isn't easy, but Garner counts herself lucky to have the kind of job she does.

"I work really intensely, but in a place where if I need to take a break and feed a baby, they let me, which isn't always the case for women in the corporate world," Garner explains.

But forget being a working mother — Garner is surprised she's working in film at all. "I never expected to be in front of a camera, even when I was studying acting," she says. "I wouldn't even go into the film school at my school. I was only about the stage. I was a total snob."

Jennifer Garner stars opposite Matthew McConaughey in the rom-com Ghosts of Girlfriends Past.

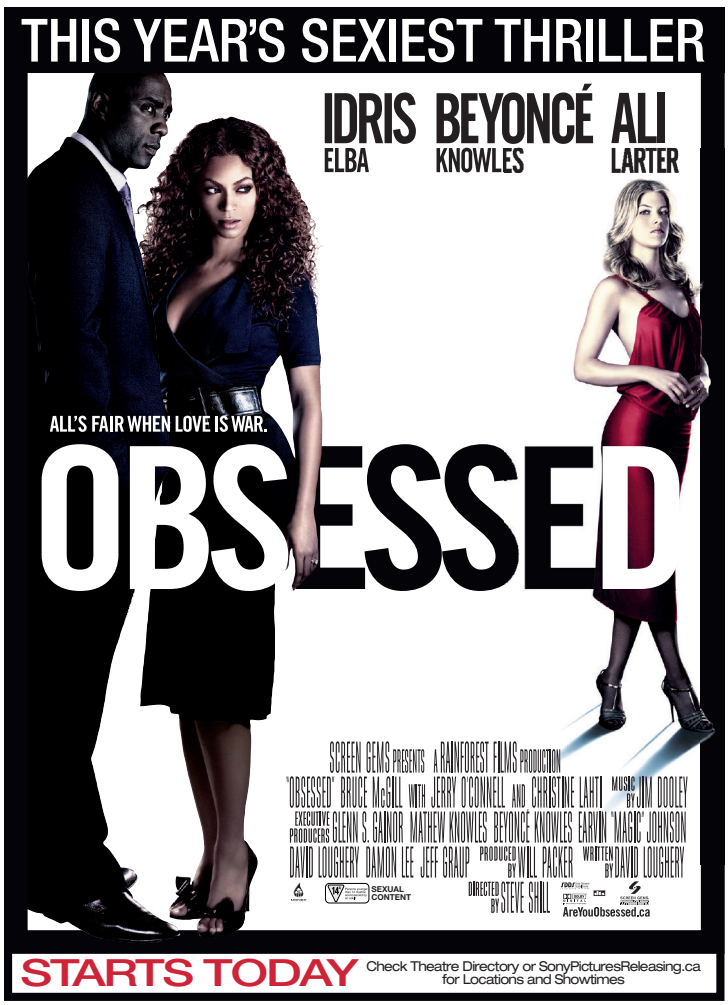
Luckily she abandoned that snobbishness, and went on to find success in television and film, including her breakthrough roles in the TV series Alias and in the film 13 Going on 30, another romantic comedy.

And Garner will continue in comedy for the time being, appearing soon in Ricky Gervais' The Invention of Lying, about a world where everyone tells the truth. But working with laugh-happy Gervais proved tricky.

"The worst thing about Ricky as a director is that if something is funny at all, he breaks and laughs and ruins your take," Garner says. "I would say, 'It's your movie. Just go in another room and let me just do it.'"

Surely nothing a little duct tape can't fix, though.

• Ghosts of Girlfriends Past opens in theatres next Friday.



Fighting no knockout

Fighting

Director: Dito Montiel
Stars: Channing Tatum, Terence Howard
Classification: 14A
Rating: ●●

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

REVIEW You wouldn't assume from its title that Fighting has surprisingly little conflict. I'm not talking about drag-down, split-lip knuckledusters. Oh, there's plenty of that. But in-between those striking sequences, Fighting is flat-out stagnant.

Directed by punk musician-turned-filmmaker Dito Montiel, Fighting tells the story of street-wise Shawn (Channing Tatum), a money-hungry hustler (with a seeming inability to form facial expressions) who discovers the world of underground fist-fighting through a con man named Harvey (Terrence Howard).

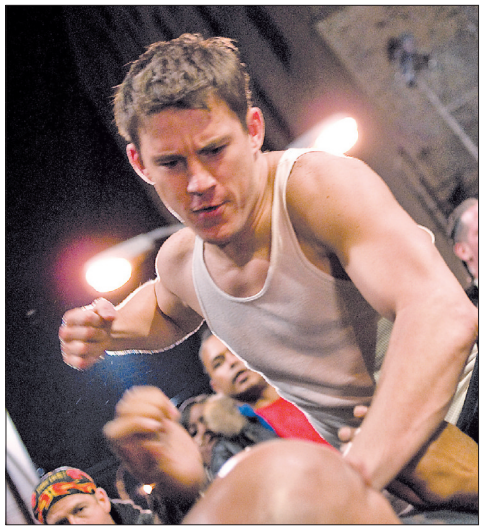
Of course, here's where the clichés start adding up: Shawn (inspired by Rocky Balboa perhaps?) charms a single working mom with his dull-headed honesty while the film builds to an obvious championship battle against his nemesis — a former team member from his wrestling days back in Alabama.

It seems Shawn may be the jealous type.

Which brings me to Fighting's main flaw — motive or lack there of. While Montiel surely has a knack for capturing some compelling combat on film, Fighting doesn't give us enough backstory or a reason to understand why or how Shawn has gotten to this lot in life.

However, where Montiel lacks in establishing purpose, he does counteract with a slightly engaging homage to gritty pre-Giuliani Manhattan. Accompanied by a cool '70s-era soundtrack, the film feels dirty and the characters call back to an earlier New York.

When one annoying street-lady rambles on about Manhattan's new developments in Harvey's presence, he simply says, "move on, lady." Unfortunately for Montiel, so will movie audiences.



Channing Tatum plays a street-wise hustler in Fighting.

New blood in Nightmare reboot

The upcoming A Nightmare on Elm Street remake has more fresh blood, with newcomer Rooney Mara signed up to play Nancy Thompson in Samuel Bayer's production. A Nightmare On Elm Street is being released in 2010. METRO NEWS SERVICES

The random Act

Doc examines lightning strikes

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Act of God director Jennifer Baichwal at Red Rock Canyon, Nev.

When Manufactured Landscapes hit theatres in 2006, the fascinating study of artist Edward Burtynsky was showered with praise and awards. Now, its acclaimed director is hoping lightning will strike twice.

With her latest documentary, Jennifer Baichwal is poised to repeat success for her paradoxical examination on fate and chance in Act of God (in theatres next Friday).

Exploring the casualties of lightning, Baichwal discovers everyone from a CIA assassin who died (only to be resurrected) to a Cuban community that emphatically ritualizes Shango, the god of lightning.

"When you're dealing with something so ephemeral — a lightning strike can be one-one-thousandth of a second and yet it can carry millions of volts of electricity — there's something about capturing that," said Baichwal. "How do you take a subject that is not normally treated in (an artistic) way and focus on the metaphysical instead of the physical?"

In the case of Act of God, Baichwal and her cinematographer husband, Nick de Pencier, set out across the globe to meet those affected by the random act — if not capture it themselves.

"We just carried the camera around for two years and whenever there was a storm, we would start shooting," laughed Baichwal. "There was always that question, 'Well, are we both going to die out here in the storm or maybe I should go inside?'"

Surviving their global trek (and capturing some wonderful images along the way), Baichwal edited her footage into an intriguing examination of being touched by something so incredibly random.

Only casts spell

Only

Director: Ingrid Veninger, Simon Reynold
Stars: Elena Hudgins Lyle, Jacob Switzer
Classification: STC
Rating:

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

A scene from Only.

REVIEW Directors Ingrid Veninger (The Limb Salesman) and Simon Reynold's loose, no-budget DIY slice-of-life drama Only is as opaque a cinematic experience as its vague title suggests.

The film charts a languid day in the life of lonely preteenager Daniel (Veninger's real life son Jacob Switzer), who is bummed out by his plodding life living in his bickering parents motel in the middle of a cold Canadian nowhere.

While wandering aimlessly and attempting to avoid the local bullies who incessently hound him for hotel bar booze, he meets a young girl (Elena Hudgins Lyle) whose disenfranchised state of mind echoes his own.

Pokey but pleasant, the film drifts along as the two tweens talk about their plans, their fears and their places in the universe in ways that resembles a sort of gritty Can-Con riff on filmmaker Richard Linklater's existential chat fest Before Sunrise.

Only isn't exactly thrilling, nor is it especially that good. But it has something — a mood, a tone, a breezy energy that, while it lasts, manages to cast a kind of spell.

• Only screens at The Royal Cinema today through April 28.

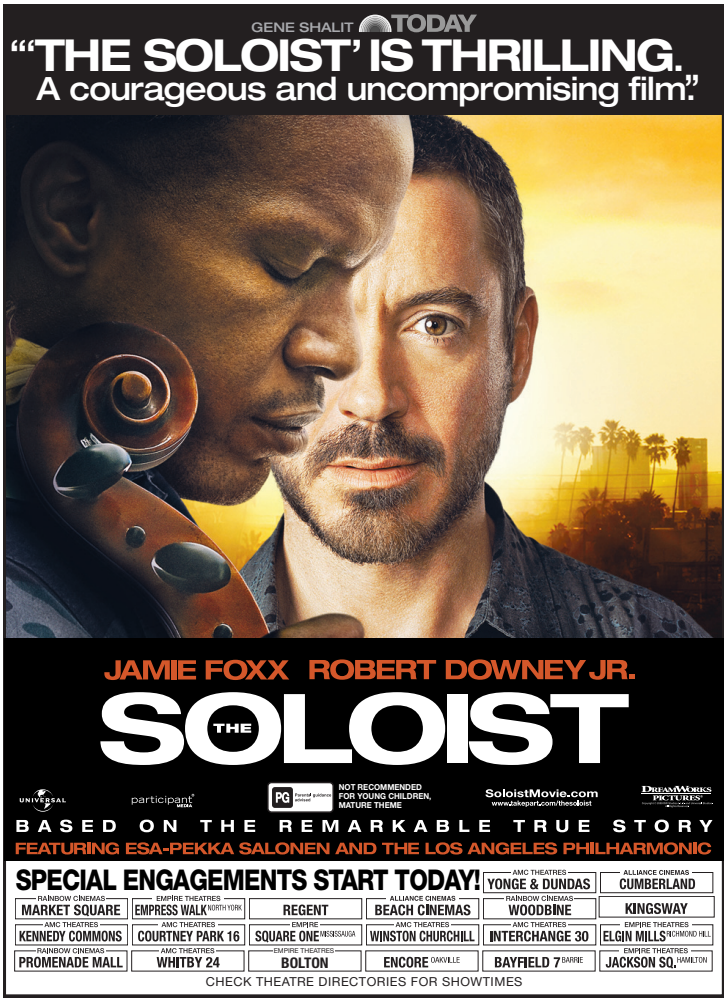
Deep images, shallow characters

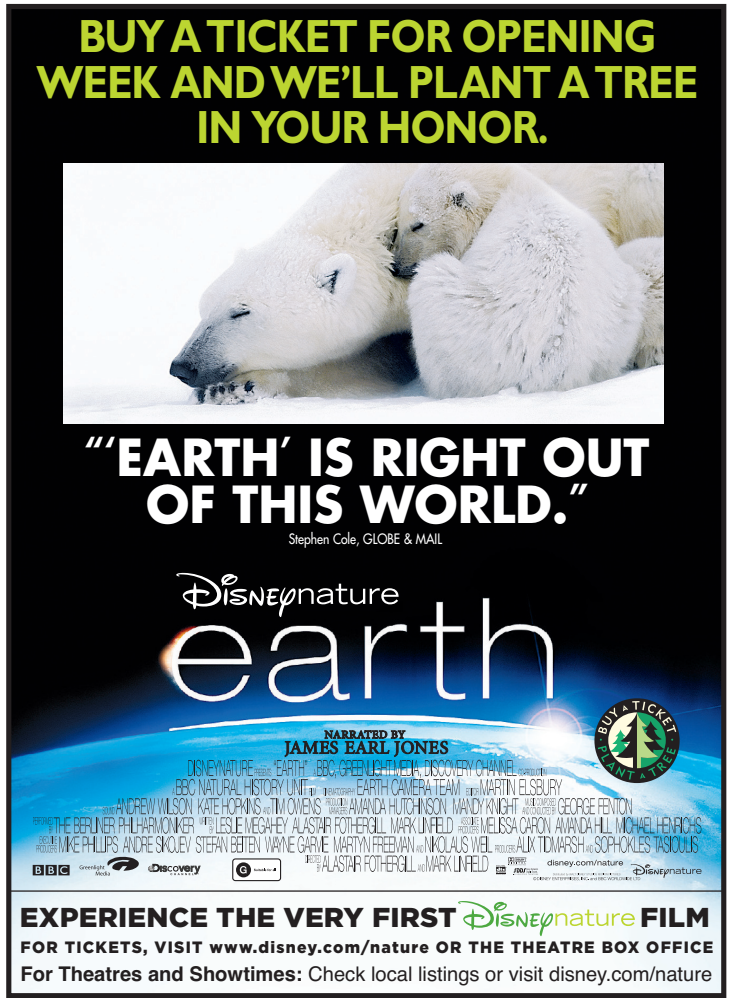
Three Monkeys

Stars: Yavuz Bingol
Classification: STC
Rating:

REVIEW Turkish director Nuri Bilge Ceylan won the Best Director prize at last year's Cannes Film Festival for Three Monkeys. The film is a failure, but the citation sort of makes sense: There's hardly a shot in this noir-tinged melodrama — about a family that unravels after the paterfamilias agrees to take a hit-and-run rap for his deep-pocketed employer — that doesn't suggest painstaking compositional savvy.

The DV images are frequently deep, but the characters are shallow. Ceylan fails to express their interior lives via exterior observation as he did in his previous films. ADAM NAYMAN/ FOR METRO CANADA





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Shall We Kiss? (French w/e.s.t.) (14A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:7:05-9:15
The Wrestler (14A) Fri-Thu 1:55-4:30-7:15-9:35

CUMBERLAND CINEMAS
159 Cumberland Ave., 416-646-0444

The Pool (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:45-6:45-9:10
Sin Nombre (Spanish w/e.s.t) (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4-7-9:30
The Soloist (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:15-7:15-10
Tulpan (Kazakh and Russian w/e.s.t) (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:10

SCOTIABANK THEATRE
259 Richmond St., 416-368-5600

17 Again (PG) Fri-Sat 12:40-3:30-6:40-9:10 Sun 12:40-3:30-6:40 Mon-Thu 12:40-3:30-6:40-9:10 Fri 1:40-4:30-7:40-10:15 Sat 1:40-4:50-7:40-10:15 Sun-Thu 1:40-4:30-7:40-10:15
Coraline 3D (PG) Fri 1:30-4-6:20-9 Sat 4-6:20-9 Sun-Thu 1:30-4-6:20-9
Crank: High Voltage (18A) Fri 12:50-4:10-7:10-9:40 Sat 12:50-4:45-7:10-9:40 Sun-Thu 12:50-4:10-7:10-9:40
Fast & Furious (14A) Fri-Thu 12:20-4:15-7-9:50
Fighting (STC) No Passes Fri 1-3:40-6:50-9:30 Sat-Thu 1-3:40-6:50-9:30 No Passes Fri 2-4:40-7:50-10:30 Sat-Thu 2-4:40-7:50-10:30
Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:50-6:45-9:20
The Haunting in Connecticut (14A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:20-7:20-10:10
Knowing (14A) Fri 12:10-3:20-6:25-9:45 Sat 3:50-6:25-9:45 Sun 12:10-3:20-9:45 Mon-Thu 12:10-3:20-6:25-9:45
Metropolitan Opera: La Sonnambula Encore (STC) Sat 1
Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3-5:30-8-10:20
Monsters vs. Aliens: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) Fri-Tue 12-2:30-5-7:30-10 Wed 12-2:30-10 Thu 12-2:30-5-7:30-10
Observe and Report (18A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:50-7:45-10:30
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Thu 11:50-3:10-6:30-10:25
WWE: Backlash (STC) Sun 8

MARKET SQUARE
80 Front St., 416-494-9371

17 Again (PG) Fri 1:30-3:40-6:40-9-11:15 Sat-Thu 1:30-3:40-6:40-9
Fighting (STC) Fri 1:40-4:10-7-9:25-11:30 Sat-Thu 1:40-4:10-7-9:25
Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri-Thu 1-3:30-6:30-8:50
Obsessed (14A) Fri 1:45-4:20-7:10-9:30-11:40 Sat-Thu 1:45-4:20-7:10-9:30
The Soloist (PG) Fri 1:20-3:50-6:45-9:20-11:45 Sat-Wed 1:20-3:50-6:45-9:20 Thu 3:50-6:45-9:20 Thu 1
State of Play (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4-6:50-9:15

THE ROYAL
608 College St., 416-466-4400

The Feminist Porn Awards (STC) Sat 9:30
Humber College Film Screenings (STC) Wed-Thu 7
Only (STC) Fri-Tue 7
Production Office (STC) Fri 9:30 Sun-Tue 9:30

VARSITY
55 Bloor St. W., 416-961-6304

Adventureland (14A) Fri-Tue 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:30 Wed 1:30-4:10 Thu 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:30
Duplicity (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:30-6:30-9:20
Hunger (18A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:30-10:15 Fri-Sun 12:55-3:15-6:55-9:15 Mon 12:55-3:15 Tue-Thu 12:55-3:15-6:55-9:15
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4-6:40-9:50 Fri-Sun 1:15-3:55-6:25-8:55 Mon 1:15-3:55 Tue-Thu 1:15-3:55-6:25-8:55
Obsessed (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-7:10-10:10
State of Play (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:50-7-10:05 Fri-Thu 12:35-3:35-6:45-9:55
Sugar (English and Spanish w/e.s.t.) (STC) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:20-7:20-10
Sunshine Cleaning (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-3:50-6:20-9 Fri-Sun 1:35-4:15-7:15-9:45 Mon 1:35-4:15 Tue-Thu 1:35-4:15-7:15-9:45

CANADA SQUARE
2200 Yonge St., 416-646-0444

Adventureland (14A) Fri 5-7:30-10 Sat-Sun 2:10-4:50-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:20-10
Duplicity (PG) Fri 4:30-7:15-10:15 Sat-Sun 1:15-4-6:50-9:45 Mon-Thu 4-6:50-9:45
Fast & Furious (14A) Fri 4:50-7:20-9:50 Sat-Sun 2-4:40-7:10-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:10-9:55
Observe and Report (18A) Fri 5:30-7:50-10:10 Sat-Sun 2:20-5:7:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 5-7:30-9:50
One Week (14A) Fri 4:45-7-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:10-6:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:30-9:10
Sunshine Cleaning (14A) Fri 5:20-7:40-10:05 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:20-6:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 4:20-6:40-9:20
Three Monkeys (Turkish w/e.s.t.) (STC) Fri 4:40-7:10-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:30-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:30-7-9:40
Watchmen (18A) Fri 5:10-8:40 Sat-Sun 1:40-5:10-8:30 Mon-Thu 5:10-8:30

MT. PLEASANT THEATRE
675 Mt.Pleasant Rd., 416-489-8484

The Pool (PG) Fri 7-9:15 Sat 4:30-7-9:15 Sun 4:30-7 Tue-Thu 7

REGENT THEATRE
551 Mt.Pleasant Rd., 416-480-9884

The Soloist (PG) Fri 7-9:20 Sat 4-7-9:20 Sun 1:30-3:45 Mon 7 Tue 7-9:15 Wed 4-9:15 Thu 7-9:15

YONGE-EGLINTON CENTRE
2300 Yonge St., 416-544-1236

17 Again (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:30
Crank: High Voltage (18A) Fri 1:50-4:30-7:40-10:20 Sat 4:30-7:40-10:20 Sun 1:50-4:30-7:40-10:20 Mon-Thu 1:50-4:30-7:40-10:05
Earth (G) Fri 2:30-5-7:20-9:40 Sat-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:20-9:40 Mon-Thu 2:30-5-7:20-9:40
Fighting (STC) No Passes Fri 1:40-4:40-7:35-10:30 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:40-7:35-10:30 Mon-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:35-10:15
Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:50-6:40-9:20
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Tue 12:40-3:40-6:30-9:10 Wed 3:40-6:30-9:10 Thu 12:40-3:40-6:30-9:10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Metropolitan Opera: La Sonnambula Encore (STC) Sat 1
Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (PG) Fri 2:40-5:10-7:30-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:20-2:40-5:10-7:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 2:40-5:10-7:30-9:50
Obsessed (14A) Fri-Tue 1:20-4:20-7:9:50 Wed 4:20-7:9:50 Thu 1:20-4:20-7:9:50 Wed 1
State of Play (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4-7:10-10:10

YONGE & DUNDAS 24
10 Dundas St East, 416-977-2642

Adventureland (14A) Fri-Sun 11:05-12:10-1:40-2:40-4:10-5:10-6:40-7:40-9:10-10:10 Mon-Thu 1:40-2:40-4:10-5:10-6:40-7:40-9:10-10:10
Anvil! The Story of Anvil (14A) Fri-Sun 10:45-1:3:15-5:25-7:35-9:50 Mon-Tue 5:25-7:35-9:50 Wed-Thu 1:3:15-5:25-7:35-9:50
Che (STC) Fri-Thu 1:30-7
Dragonball: Evolution (PG) Fri-Sun 12:15-2:30-4:40-6:50-9:20 Mon-Thu 2:30-4:40-6:50-9:20
Duplicity (PG) Fri-Sun 10:30-1:15-4:25-7:25-10:25 Mon-Tue 12:35-3 Mon-Thu 1:15-4:25-7:25-10:25
Earth (G) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 10:30-12:45-3:5:15-7:30-9:45 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 12:45-3:5:15-7:30-9:45
Fanboys (14A) Fri-Sun 11:10-1:35-3:45-5:50-8:05-10:30 Mon-Wed 1:35-3:45-5:50-8:05-10:30 Thu 1:35-3:45-5:50-8:05
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Sat 10:50-2:05-5:05-10:45 Sun 10:50-2:05-5:05-7:55-10:45 Mon-Wed 2:05-5:05-7:55-10:45 Thu 2:05
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Sun 11:25-12:25-1:55-2:55-4:25-5:25-6:50-7:50-9:35-10:35 Thu 12:25-1:55-2:55-4:25-5:25-7:50-10:35
Obsessed (14A) Special Engagement Fri-Sat 11-11:30-12:30-1:30-2:15-3:4-5-5:45-6:45-7:45-8:30-9:30-10:30-11:15 Special Engagement Sun 11-11:30-12:30-1:30-2:15-3:4-5-5:45-6:45-7:45-8:30-9:30-10:30 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 12:30-1:30-2:15-3:4-5-5:45-6:45-7:45-8:30-9:30-10:30
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Sat 10:35-1:25-4:05-10:40 Sun 10:35-1:25-4:05-7-9:45 Mon-Wed 1:25-4:05-7-9:45 Thu 1:25-4:05
The Soloist (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Sat 10:45-11:30-12:12:30-1:30-2:20-3:20-3:50-4:20-5-5:30-6:15-7:15-7:45-8:15-9:10-10:45-11:15 Special Engagement Sun 10:45-11:30-12-12:30-1:30-2:20-2:50-3:20-4:20-5-5:40-6:15-7:15-7:45-8:30-9:10-10:45 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 12:30-1:30-2:20-2:50-3:20-4:20-5-5:40-6:15-7:15-7:45-8:30-9:10-10:45
State of Play (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Sat 11-12-1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11 Special Engagement Sun 11-12-1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10 Mon-Wed 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10 Thu 1-2-3-5-6-8-9-10
Taken (14A) Fri-Sat 10:55-1:20-8:10-10:25 Sun 10:55-1:20-3:50-6-8:10-10:25 Mon-Wed 1:20-3:50-6-8:10-10:25 Thu 1:20-3:50
Two Lovers (14A) Fri-Sun 11:45-2:25-4:50-7:20-10:05 Mon-Thu 2:25-4:50-7:20-10:05
X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG) Special Engagement Thu 12:01

WEST END

ALBION CINEMAS
1530 Albion Rd., 416-742-3456

Mini Punjab (STC) Fri 3:15-6-7:30-9 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:30-6:30-8-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:15-6-7:30-9
Tera Mera Ki Rishta (Punjabi w/e.s.t.) (G) Fri 4:15 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:45 Mon-Thu 4:15

QUEENSWAY
1025 The Queensway, 416-503-0424

17 Again (PG) Fri 1-1:40-3:55-4:40-6:50-7:35-9:45-10:20 Sat 12:30-1-3:55-4:40-6:50-7:35-9:45-10:20 Sun-Tue 1-1:40-3:55-4:40-6:50-7:35-9:45-10:20 Wed 1:40-3:55-4:40-6:50-7:35-9:45-10:20 Thu 1-1:40-3:55-4:40-6:50-7:35-9:45-10:20 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Adventureland (14A) Fri 12:30-3:35-6:25-9:25 Sat 3:35-6:25-9:25 Sun 12:30-3:35-6:25 Mon-Thu 12:30-3:35-6:25-9:25
Crank: High Voltage (18A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:15-10
Dragonball: Evolution (PG) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:25
Duplicity (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:15-6:35-9:35
Earth (G) Fri-Thu 12-2:30-5-7:30-9:50
Fast & Furious (14A) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:20-6:30-9:30
Fighting (STC) No Passes Fri 1:15-4:15-7:05-10:05 Sat-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:05-10:05
Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-4-6:45-9:40
The Haunting in Connecticut (14A) Fri-Thu 7:55-10:35
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:50-7:45-10:30
Knowing (14A) Fri-Thu 12:55-4:10-7:10-10:15
Metropolitan Opera: La Sonnambula Encore (STC) Sat 1
Monsters vs. Aliens (PG) Fri-Thu 2-5:05
Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:05-1:20-2:20-4:05-4:45-6:40-7:20-9:20-9:50
Observe and Report (18A) Fri-Sat 2:40-5:20-7:50-10:25 Sun 2:40-5:20-10:25 Mon-Thu 2:40-5:20-7:50-10:25
Obsessed (14A) Fri-Tue 12:45-3:50-6:55-9:55 Wed 3:50-6:55-9:55 Thu 12:45-3:50-6:55-9:55 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
State of Play (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:45-7-10:10
Taken (14A) Fri-Wed 6:20-9:10 Thu 6:20-9:05
WWE: Backlash (STC) Sun 8
X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG) No Passes Thu 12:05

WOODBINE CENTRE
500 Rexdale Blvd., 416-213-1998

17 Again (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4-7:15-9:35
Crank: High Voltage (18A) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:05-7:05-9:20
Fast & Furious (14A) Fri-Thu 6:55-9:15
Fighting (STC) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:10-9:25
Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:15-6:45-9:05
Monsters vs. Aliens (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:50
Obsessed (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-4-7:20-9:40
The Soloist (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:45-7-9:25
State of Play (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:55-6:50-9:30

EAST END

BEACH CINEMAS
1651 Queen St. E., 416-699-5971

17 Again (PG) Fri 3:50-7-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:20-3:50-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 7-9:30
Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri 4:10-6:50-9:40 Sat-Sun 1-4:10-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:40
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri 4-6:40-9:20 Sat 4:40-7:40-10:20 Sun 1:10-4-6:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:20
Metropolitan Opera: La Sonnambula Encore (STC) Sat 1
Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (PG) Fri 5:10-7:30-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:30-2:50-5:10-7:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:30-9:50
Obsessed (14A) Fri 4:20-7:10-10 Sat-Sun 12:45-4:20-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 7:10-10
The Soloist (PG) Fri 4:30-7:20-10:10 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:20-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:20-10:10

FOX THEATRE
2236 Queen St. E., 416-691-7330

Coraline (PG) Sat 12:30 Sun 2
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri-Sun 9 Mon 6:30 Wed 1:30
Eraserhead (STC) Tue 9:20
One Week (STC) Fri-Sat 7 Sun 4-7 Mon 9:20
Romeo and Juliet (STC) Sat 3
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Wed 9:20 Thu 7
Stone of Destiny (PG) Wed 7 Thu 9:15
Wild at Heart (R) Tue 7

NORTH YORK

SHEPPARD GRANDE
4861 Yonge St., 416-590-9974

Adventureland (14A) Fri 1:30-4:30-7:05-9:55 Sat 7:05-9:55 Sun 1:30-4:30-7:05-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:05-9:55
Dragonball: Evolution (PG) Sat 1:55 Mon-Thu 5-7:20-9:50
Duplicity (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:40-6:30-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:30-9:20
Fast & Furious (14A) Fri-Sun 1-4-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:40
Fighting (STC) No Passes Fri 1:40-4:20-7:10-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:20-7:10-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10-9:45
Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:50-6:40-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:40-9:30
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:10-6:50-9:25 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:50-9:25
Metropolitan Opera: La Sonnambula Encore (STC) Sat 1
Observe and Report (18A) Fri-Sun 12:40-5:10-7:40-10 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:40-10
Sunshine Cleaning (14A) Fri 2-4:50-7:15-9:35 Sat 4:50-7:15-9:35 Sun 2-4:50-7:15-9:35 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:15-9:35
Two Lovers (14A) Fri-Sun 12:50-4:40-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:30-10

EMPRESS WALK
5095 Yonge St., 416-223-9550

17 Again (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 4:10-5:15-7:10-8-9:40 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 1:15-2:30-4:10-5:15-7:10-8-9:40 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 4:10-5:15-7:10-8-9:40
Crank: High Voltage (18A) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Sat 5-7:45-10:10 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Sun 2:15-5-7:45-10:10 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 5-7:45-10:10
Earth (G) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri 4-7-9:20 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 1:30-4-7-9:20 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Mon-Thu 4-7-9:20
Knowing (14A) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Mon 3:50-6:50-9:50 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Tue 3:50 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Wed-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:50
Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 4:15-6:30-9 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 1:40-4:15-6:30-9 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 4:15-6:30-9
Obsessed (14A) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 4:20-7:15-9:50 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 1:45-4:20-7:15-9:50 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 4:20-7:15-9:50
Opus Arte: Castor & Pollux (Opera) (STC) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Sat 1-1:30 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Sun 1
The Soloist (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri 4:30-5:7:20-8:15-10 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 1:10-2-4:30-5:7:20-8:15-10 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Mon-Thu 4:30-5:7:20-8:15-10
State of Play (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 4:45-7:30-10:15 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 1:20-4:45-7:30-10:15 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 4:45-7:30-10:15

SILVERCITY YORKDALE 6
3401 Dufferin St., 416-444-3456

17 Again (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15-10
Crank: High Voltage (18A) Fri-Sat 2-4:50-7:45-10:20 Sun-Thu 2-4:50-7:45-10:10
Earth (G) Fri-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 12:45-3:20-6:15-9
Fast & Furious (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:45
Fighting (STC) No Passes Fri 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:30 Sat 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:30 Sun 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:15 Mon-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:30-10:15
Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:30
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Thu 3:30-9:40
Knowing (14A) Fri-Sun 12:20-6:30 Mon-Thu 12:30-6:30
Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:05-2:35-5:05-7:35-10:05 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:05-9:50
Obsessed (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4-7-10:10
State of Play (PG) Fri-Sat 12:30-3:45-7:10-10:25 Sun-Thu 12:30-3:45-7:10-10:15

SILVERCITY FAIRVIEW
1800 Sheppard Ave. E., 416-644-7746

17 Again (PG) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:30-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:30-9:55
Crank: High Voltage (18A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:20
Fast & Furious (14A) Fri-Wed 12:50-3:40-6:40-9:40 Thu 12:50-3:50-6:40-9:40
Fighting (STC) No Passes Fri 1:30-4:20-7:40-10:15 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:20-7:40-10:15 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:40-10
Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri-Thu 1:15-4-6:50-9:30
Knowing (14A) Fri-Wed 12:40-3:50-6:45-9:45 Thu 3:50-6:45-9:45
Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (PG) Fri 2:30-4:50-7:20-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:15-2:30-4:50-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 2:30-4:50-7:20-9:50
Obsessed (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4:10-7:10-10
State of Play (PG) Fri 12:30-3:20-7:10:05 Sat-Sun 12:20-3:20-7:10:05 Mon-Thu 12:30-3:20-7-9:55

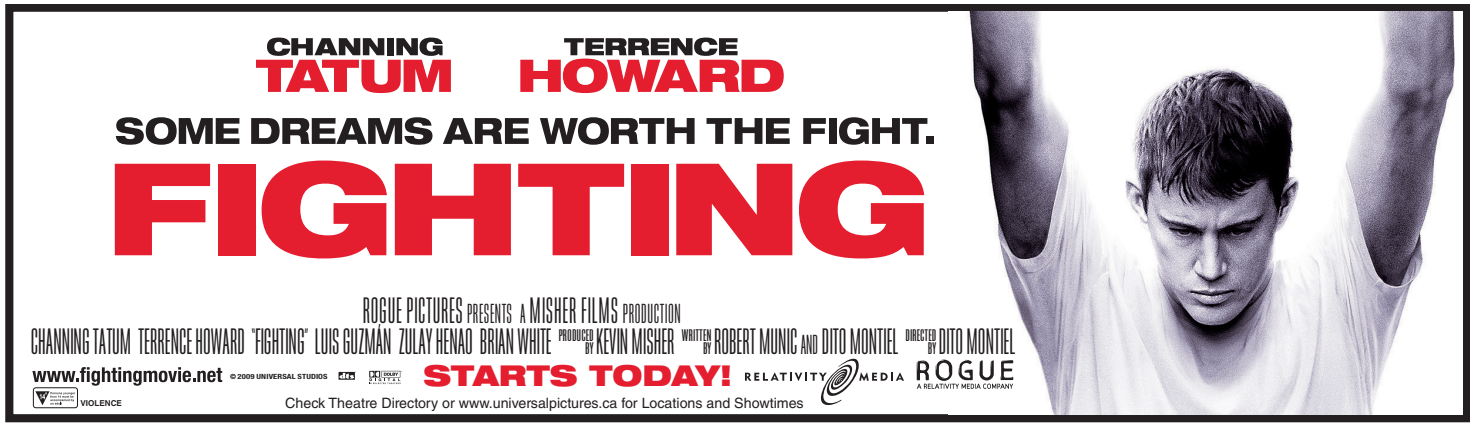
SCARBOROUGH

COLISEUM SCARBOROUGH
300 Borough Dr., 416-290-5217

17 Again (PG) Fri 12:30-12:50-3:30-3:50-6:30-6:50-9:30-10:05 Sat 12:30-12:50-3:50-4:50-6:50-7:30-10:05-10:10 Sun-Thu 12:30-12:50-3:30-3:50-6:30-6:50-9:30-10:05
Crank: High Voltage (18A) Fri 1-1:30-4-4:30-7-7:25-10-10:30 Sat 1:30-4-4:30-7-7:25-10-10:30 Sun 1-1:30-4-4:30-7:25-10:30 Mon-Thu 1-1:30-4-4:30-7-7:25-10-10:30
Earth (G) Fri-Thu 12-2:30-5-7:30-9:50
Fast & Furious (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20
Fighting (STC) No Passes Fri 1:10-4:10-7:15-10:10 Sat 1:10-4:10-7:15-10:25 Sun-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:15-10:10
Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:20-6:45-9:45
The Haunting in Connecticut (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:05-10:15
Knowing (14A) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:55-6:55-9:55
Metropolitan Opera: La Sonnambula Encore (STC) Sat 1
Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (PG) Fri 12:40-1:05-3:40-4:05-6:20-6:40-8:50-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:05-1:05-2:20-4:05-4:40-6:40-7:10-9:20-9:35 Mon-Thu 12:40-1:05-3:40-4:05-6:20-6:40-8:50-9:20
WWE: Backlash (STC) Sun 8
X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG) No Passes Thu 12

EGLINTON TOWN CENTRE
1901 Eglinton Ave. E., 416-752-4494

17 Again (PG) Fri-Sun 12:10-1:10-2:45-3:45-6:25-7:05-9:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 3:45-5:10-7:05-7:50-9:55
Adventureland (14A) Fri-Sat 12:40-4:10-7:10-9:40 Sun 12:40-4:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10-9:45
Crank: High Voltage (18A) Fri-Sun 12:55-4:30-6:50-9:20 Mon-Thu 4:30-6:50-9:25
Dragonball: Evolution (PG) Fri-Sat 12:15-



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2:50-6:15-8:50 Sun 12:15-2:50-6:15 Mon-Thu 3:25-6:15-8:50

Earth (G) Fri-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 5-7:30-9:50

Fast & Furious (14A) Fri-Sun 12:45-4:20-7:15-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:15-10:05

Fighting (STC) No Passes Fri 1-4:05-7:20-10:15 Sat-Sun 1-4:05-7:20-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:20-10:15

Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri-Sun 12:20-3:15-6:45-9:35 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:45-9:40

The Haunting in Connecticut (14A) Fri-Sun 1:05-4:35-7:40-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:40-10:20

I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:30-6:35-9:25 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:35-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

Knowing (14A) Fri-Sun 12:25-3:20-6:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:30-9:35

Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:05-2:35-5:05-7:35-9:55 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:20-8:45

Observe and Report (18A) Fri-Sun 1:15-4:7:25-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:7:25-10:10

Obsessed (14A) Fri-Sun 12:35-3:40-7:10 Mon-Thu 3:40-7:10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

State of Play (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:50-6:55-10 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:55-10

WWE: Backlash (STC) Sun 8

X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG) No Passes Thu 12:01

401 & MORNINGSIDE
785 Milner Ave., 416-281-2226

17 Again (PG) Fri-Sun 12:10-1-2:30-3:45-5-6:30-7:30-9:15-10:05 Mon-Thu 3:45-5-6:30-7:30-9:10-9:50

Crank: High Voltage (18A) Fri-Sun 2:15-4:35-7:50-10:25 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:40-10

Fast & Furious (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:20-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:10-9:45

Fighting (STC) No Passes Fri 2-4:50-7:40-10:15 Sat-Sun 2-4:50-7:40-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:25-9:55

Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri-Sun 12:30-4:15-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:15-6:45-9:20

I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:25-7:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:05-9:30

Monsters vs. Aliens (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:30-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:40-9

Observe and Report (18A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:45-8:10:30 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:35-10:05

Obsessed (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:05-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:9:40

State of Play (PG) Fri-Sun 12:15-3:55-7:9:50 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:50-9:35

KENNEDY COMMONS 20
33 William Kitchen Rd., 416-335-5323

Adventureland (14A) Fri-Sat 11:45-2:15-4:40-7:15-9:40 Sun 11:45-2:15-4:40-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 2:15-4:40-7:10-9:40

Dragonball: Evolution (PG) Fri-Sat 12:05-2:15-4:25-6:35-8:45-10:55 Sun 11:05-1:15-3:25-5:35-7:40-9:55 Mon-Thu 3:25-5:35-7:40-9:55

Duplicity (PG) Fri-Sat 11:05-1:55-4:45-7:30-10:30 Sun 1:20-4:10-6:55-9:40 Mon-Thu 2-4:45-7:30-10:15

He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:20-7:15-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:05-10

I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Sat 12:45-3:30-6:05-8:25-10:50 Sun 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:10 Mon-Thu 2:45-5:15-7:45-10:10

Observe and Report (18A) Fri-Sat 11:55-2:05-4:15-6:25-8:35-10:45 Sun 1:15-3:30-5:45-7:55-10:15 Mon-Thu 3:30-5:45-7:55-10:25

Obsessed (14A) Special Engagement Fri-Sat 12:15-1-2:45-3:30-5:15-6-7:45-8:30-10:15-11 Special Engagement Sun 11:45-12:30-2:15-3-4:45-5:30-7:15-8-9:45-10:30

The Pool (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Sat 12:50-3:20-5:40-8-10:20 Special Engagement Sun 11:55-2:20-4:40-7:05-9:25 Mon-Thu 2:20-4:40-7:05-9:25

Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Sat 12:30-2:50-5:10 Sun 12:30-2:50-5:05 Mon-Thu 2:50-5:05

The Reader (14A) Fri-Sat 7:30-10:20 Sun-Thu 7:25-10:05

Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Sun 11:25-2:05-5:7:35-10:15 Mon-Thu 2:05-5:7:35-10:15

The Soloist (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Sat 11-12-1-2:3-4:5-6-7:8-9-10:11 Special Engagement Sun 11-12-1-2:3-4:5-6-7:8-9-10-10:30 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2-3-4:5-6-7:8-9-10-10:30

State of Play (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Sat 11-1:45-4:4:45-7:7:45-10-10:45 Special Engagement Sun 11:10-1:20-2:05-4:10-4:55-7-7:45-9:45-10:30 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2:05-4:10-4:55-7-7:45-9:45-10:30

Sunshine Cleaning (14A) Fri-Sat 12:30-2:50-5:10-7:35-9:55 Sun 12:25-2:50-5:10-7:35-9:55 Mon-Thu 2:50-5:10-7:35-9:55

Taken (14A) Fri-Sat 11:35-1:50-4:05-6:20-8:35-10:50 Sun 11-1:10-3:20-5:30-7:40-9:50 Mon-Thu 3:20-5:30-7:40-9:50

Two Lovers (14A) Fri-Sat 12:40-3:10-5:40-8:10-10:40 Sun 11:50-2:20-4:50-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 2:20-4:50-7:20-9:50

Watchmen (18A) Fri-Sat 11:40-3:05-6:30-9:55 Sun 11:15-2:40-6:05-9:30 Mon-Thu 2:40-6:05-9:30

WOODSIDE CINEMAS
1571 Sandhurst Circle, 416-299-3456

8x10 Tasveer (PG) Sat-Sun 1:45-7:15

Tera Mera Ki Rishta (Punjabi w/e.s.t.) (G) Fri 5:30-8:45 Sat-Sun 4-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:30-8:45

PEEL REGION

CINÉ STARZ
377 Burnhamthorpe Rd. E., 905-290-2401

Bedtime Stories (G) Fri-Sun 12-3:10-6:20

Coraline (PG) Fri-Sun 12-1:40-3:20

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Mon-Thu 7

Defiance (14A) Mon-Thu 4:40

Fired Up (PG) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:50-8 Mon-Thu 1:30-3:30

Gran Torino (14A) Fri-Sun 5-7-9 Mon-Thu 1:30-3:30-7:40

He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Mon-Thu 5:30

Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Sun 12-1:45-3:30-5:15 Mon-Thu 5:15

The Last House on the Left (18A) Fri-Sun 9:30 Mon-Thu 1:15

Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Sun 12-1:30-3-6:15 Mon-Thu 3:10-7

Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Sun 7-9 Mon-Thu 3:10-6-8

Stone of Destiny (PG) Fri-Sun 4:35-7:45-9:25 Mon-Thu 1:30-8:30

COLISEUM 10
309 Rathburn Rd., 905-275-3456

17 Again (PG) Fri-Tue 12:30-1:20-3:10-4:20-6:30-7:15-9:10-10:05 Wed 12:30-3:10-4:20-6:30-7:15-9:10-10:05 Thu 12:30-1:20-3:10-4:20-6:30-7:15-9:10-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1

Crank: High Voltage (18A) Fri-Sat 1:50-3:30-5:7:50-9:10:20 Sun-Thu 1:50-3:30-5-7:50-9-10:15

Fast & Furious (14A) Fri-Sat 1:10-4-7:20-10:15 Sun-Thu 1:10-4-7:20-10:05

Fighting (STC) No Passes Fri 12:50-4:30-7:30-10:30 Sat 12:50-4:30-7:30-10:30 Sun-Thu 12:50-4:30-7:30-10:10

Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri-Thu 12:20-1:3:50-6:10-6:50-9:40

The Haunting in Connecticut (14A) Fri 1:30-4:50-7:45-10:25 Sat 4:30-7:45-10:25 Sun 1:30-4:50-10:15 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:50-7:45-10:15

Knowing (14A) Fri-Sat 12:10-3:20-6:40-9:50 Sun 12:10-3:20-7:25 Mon-Thu 12:10-3:20-6:40-9:50

Metropolitan Opera: La Sonnambula Encore (STC) Sat 1

Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12-1:40-2:30-4:10-5:10-6:45-7:40-9:20-10:10

Monsters vs. Aliens: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) Fri-Thu 11:45-2:10-4:40-7:10-9:30

Obsessed (14A) Fri-Tue 12:40-3:40-7:10 Wed 3:40-7:10 Thu 12:40-3:40-7:10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1

WWE: Backlash (STC) Sun 8

COURTNEY PARK 16
110 Courtney Park Dr., 905-362-1210

17 Again (PG) Special Engagement Fri 1:40-4:25-7:05-9:45 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:05-1:40-4:25-7:05-9:45 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 1:40-4:25-7:05-9:45

Adventureland (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:25-10:20

Crank: High Voltage (18A) Special Engagement Fri 2:35-5:10-7:40-10:10 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 12:10-2:35-5:10-7:40-10:10 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2:35-5:10-7:40-10:10

Earth (G) Special Engagement Fri 2:10-4:35-7-9:30 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:45-2:10-4:35-7-9:30 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2:10-4:35-7-9:30

Fast & Furious (14A) Fri 2:05-4:50-7:35-10:25 Sat-Sun 11:20-2:05-4:50-7:35-10:25 Mon-Thu 2:05-4:50-7:35-10:25

Fighting (STC) Special Engagement Fri 2:30-5:05-7:45-10:35 Special Engagement Sat 11:55-2:30-5:05-7:45-10:35 Special Engagement Sun-Thu 2:30-5:05-7:45-10:35

Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri 1:55-4:45-7:20-9:55 Sat-Sun 11:10-1:55-4:45-7:20-9:55 Mon-Thu 1:55-4:45-7:20-9:55

I Love You, Man (14A) Fri 2:40-5:15-7:55-10:40 Sat-Sun 12:05-2:40-5:15-7:55-10:40 Mon-Thu 2:40-5:15-7:55-10:40

Knowing (14A) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:20-7:25-10:20

Monsters vs. Aliens (PG) Fri 1:35-4:15-6:55-9:35 Sat-Sun 11:15-1:35-4:15-6:55-9:35 Mon-Thu 1:35-4:15

Observe and Report (18A) Fri 3-5:30-7:50-10:10 Sat-Sun 12:40-3-5:30-7:50-10:10 Mon-Thu 5:30-7:50-10:10

Obsessed (14A) Special Engagement Fri 1:45-2:15-4:30-5-7:15-7:45-10:05-10:35 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:30-1:45-2:15-4:30-5-7:15-7:45-10:05-10:35 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 1:45-2:15-4:30-5-7:15-7:45-10:05-10:35

The Soloist (PG) Special Engagement Fri 1:20-1:50-4:10-4:40-7-7:30-10-10:30 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:1-20-1:50-4:10-4:40-7-7:30-10-10:30 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 1:20-1:50-4:10-4:40-7-7:30-10-10:30

State of Play (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Thu 1:05-4:05-7:10-10:15

X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG) Special Engagement Thu 12:01

ORION GATE GRANDE
20 Biscayne Cr., 905-455-1590

17 Again (PG) Fri 3:50-7:9:40 Sat-Sun 12:55-3:50-7:9:40 Mon-Thu 3:50-7:9:40

Crank: High Voltage (18A) Fri 4:40-7:05-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:40-7:05-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:05-9:30

Fast & Furious (14A) Fri 4:50-7:25-10 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:50-7:25-10 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:25-10

Fighting (STC) No Passes Fri 4:30-7:30-10:15 Sat 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:15 Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:30-10:05

Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri 3:30-6:45-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:30-6:45-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:45-9:20

I Love You, Man (14A) Fri 4:20-7:40-10:10 Sat 1:20-4:20-7:40-10:10 Sun 1:20-4:20-6:50-9:25 Mon-Thu 4:20-6:50-9:25 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1

Knowing (14A) Fri 3:55-6:55-9:50 Sat-Sun 1-3:55-6:55-9:50 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:55-9:50

Monsters vs. Aliens (PG) Fri 4-6:25-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:50-4-6:25-9:10 Mon-Thu 4-6:25-9:10

Obsessed (14A) Fri 4:10-7:15-9:55 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:15-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:15-9:55 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1

State of Play (PG) Fri 3:40-6:35-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:40-6:35-9:35 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:35-9:35

SILVERCITY MISSISSAUGA
3055 Vega Blvd., 905-569-3373

Adventureland (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 4-6:50-9:30

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri-Thu 9:20

Dragonball: Evolution (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40

Duplicity (PG) Fri-Thu 3:40-6:40-9:40

Earth (G) Fri-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 5-7:30-9:50

I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:50-7:40-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:40-10:15

Observe and Report (18A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:40-7:50-10 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:50-10

Obsessed (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:20-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:20-10:05

Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:30-6:45 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:45

State of Play (PG) Fri-Sun 1-4:10-7:10-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10-10:10

Sunshine Cleaning (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-3:50-6:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:30-9:10

Two Lovers (14A) Fri-Sun 12:15-4:20-7:9:45 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:9:45

SQUARE ONE
100 City Centre Dr., 905-275-2640

Adventureland (14A) Stadium Seating Fri 6:40-9:40 Stadium Seating Sat 4:10-6:40-9:40 Stadium Seating Sun-Tue 1:20-4:10-6:40-9:40 Stadium Seating Wed 1:20-4:10-9:40 Stadium Seating Thu 1:20-4:10-6:40-9:40

Dragonball: Evolution (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:50-4:15-6:50-9:10

Earth (G) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2:30-4:50-7:10-9:30

I Love You, Man (14A) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2-4:40-7:20-9:50

Mini Punjab (STC) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:10-4:20-7:50

Observe and Report (18A) Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 2:20-5:10-7:40-10:10 Stadium Seating Sun 5:10-7:40-10:10 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 2:20-5:10-7:40-10:10

Opus Arte: Castor & Pollux (Opera) (STC) Stadium Seating Sat 1 Sun 1

The Soloist (PG) Stadium Seating, THX Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:20 Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1-3:45-6:30-9:20

Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan (STC) Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri 11:59

State of Play (PG) Stadium Seating, THX Fri-Thu 1:05-4-7:10

Tera Mera Ki Rishta (Punjabi w/e.s.t.) (G) Stadium Seating, Sub-Titled Fri-Thu 1:40-5:20-9

X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG) Stadium Seating, No Passes Thu 11:59

NORTH

5 DRIVE-IN
2331 Ninth Line, 905-257-8272

17 Again (PG) Fri-Sat 10:20 Sun 8:30 Tue 8:30 Thu 8:30

Fast & Furious (14A) Fri-Sat 8:35 Sun 11 Tue 11 Thu 11

Fired Up (PG) Fri-Sat 12:10 Sun 10:20 Tue 10:20 Thu 10:20

The Haunting in Connecticut (14A) Fri-Sat 1

The International (14A) Fri-Sat 8:40

Monsters vs. Aliens (PG) Fri-Sat 8:30

Obsessed (14A) Fri-Sat 10:55 Sun 8:35 Tue 8:35 Thu 8:35

State of Play (PG) Fri-Sat 10:40 Sun 8:30 Tue 8:30 Thu 8:30

Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (18A) Fri-Sat 1 Sun 10:40 Tue 10:40 Thu 10:40

AURORA CINEMAS
15460 Bayview Ave., 905-841-1789

17 Again (PG) Fri 4:10-7:9:40 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:9:40 Mon-Thu 7:9:40

Crank: High Voltage (18A) Fri 4:30-7:30-10 Sat 1:40-4:30-7:30-10 Sun 1:40-4:30-7:30-9:55 Mon-Thu 7:30-9:55

Fast & Furious (14A) Fri 3:45-7:10-9:50 Sat 12:55-3:45-7:10-9:50 Sun 12:55-3:45-7:10-9:45 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:45

Fighting (STC) No Passes Fri 4:45-7:40-10:15 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:45-7:40-10:15 Mon-Thu 7:40-10:15

Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri 3:50-6:50-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:30

I Love You, Man (14A) Fri 3:40-6:40-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:40-6:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:20 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

Monsters vs. Aliens (PG) Fri 4-6:30-9 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-6:30-9 Mon-Thu 6:30-9

Observe and Report (18A) Fri 3:30-6:45-9:10 Sat-Sun 1-3:30-6:45-9:10 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:10

Obsessed (14A) Fri 4:20-7:20-10:10 Sat 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:10 Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 7:20-10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

State of Play (PG) Fri 4:15-7:15-10:15 Sat 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15 Sun 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:05 Mon-Thu 7:15-10:05

COLOSSUS 19
3555 Hwy 7 West, 905-851-1001

17 Again (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-1:40-4:10-4:40-7-7:40-9:45-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:10-4:40-7-7:40-9:45-10:30

Adventureland (14A) Fri 12:40-4:20-7:25-10:15 Sat 4:20-7:25-10:15 Sun 12:40-4:20-7:25-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:25-10:15

Crank: High Voltage (18A) Fri-Sun 12:10-3:10-6:30-7:10-9:10-9:55 Mon-Thu 3:10-6:30-7:10-9:10-9:55

Dragonball: Evolution (PG) Fri-Sat 12:15-3:20-6:20-8:50 Sun 12:15-3:20-6:20 Mon-Thu 3:20-6:20-8:50

Duplicity (PG) Fri-Sat 6:40-9:40 Sun 10 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:40

Earth (G) Fri-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 5-7:30-9:50

Fighting (STC) No Passes Fri 1:15-4:15-7:20-10:20 Sat 1:15-4:30-7:20-10:20 Sun 1:15-4:15-7:20-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:20-10:20

Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri-Sun 11:50-1:10-2:20-4:5-6:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 4-5-6:45-9:30

The Haunting in Connecticut (14A) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:45-7:45-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:45-10:20

I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:30-7:35-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:35-10:15

Knowing (14A) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:50-7:05-10:05 Mon-Thu 3:50-7:05-10:05

Metropolitan Opera: La Sonnambula Encore (STC) Sat 1

Monsters vs. Aliens (PG) Fri-Sun 1-3:30 Mon-Thu 3:30

Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12-1:30-2:30-4:5-05-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 3:4-5:15-7:30-10

Monsters vs. Aliens: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) Fri-Sun 11:45-2:10-4:40-7:10-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:10-9:30

Observe and Report (18A) Fri-Sun 2-4:50-7:50-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:50-10:30

Obsessed (14A) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:45-7:15-10:25 Mon-Thu 3:45-7:15-10:25

State of Play (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20-3:40-6:50-10:10 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:50-10:10

Watchmen (18A) Fri-Thu 8

WWE: Backlash (STC) Sun 8

X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG) No Passes Thu 12:01

ELGIN MILLS 10
10909 Yonge St., 905-770-6998

17 Again (PG) No Passes Fri 7:10-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:10-4-7:10-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:20-8:40

Crank: High Voltage (18A) Fri 7:45-10:20 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:30-7:45-10:20 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:10

Fast & Furious (14A) Fri 6:40-9:10 Sat 1:10-3:50-6:40-9:10 Sun 6:40-9:10 Mon-Thu 6:30-8:50

Fighting (STC) Fri 7:40-10:15 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:20-7:40-10:15 Mon-Thu 6:10-8:20

Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri 7-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 5:50-8:20

I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Sat 7:30-10:10 Sun 1:20-4:40-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 6:40-9

Monsters vs. Aliens (PG) Fri 7:50 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:10-7:50 Mon-Thu 5:30

Observe and Report (18A) Fri-Sun 10:05 Mon-Thu 7:50

Obsessed (14A) Fri 7:20-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:3:50-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 6-8:30

Opus Arte: Castor & Pollux (Opera) (STC) Sat-Sun 1

The Soloist (PG) Fri 6:50-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:45-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:10

State of Play (PG) Fri 6:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:20-8

FIRST MARKHAM PLACE
3275 Hwy 7 E., 905-474-5101

17 Again (PG) Fri 3:30-6:55-9:30 Sat-Sun 1-3:30-6:55-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:55-9:20

Crank: High Voltage (18A) Fri 5-7:30-10:10 Sat-Sun 2:20-5-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:30-10

Dragonball: Evolution (PG) Sat-Sun 1:50

Fast & Furious (14A) Fri 4:20-7:15-9:55 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:20-7:15-9:55 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:55

Fighting (STC) No Passes Fri 3:40-7:05-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:40-7:05-9:45 Mon-Thu 7:05-9:35

Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri 4:40-7:10-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:40-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:30

I Love You, Man (14A) Fri 4:10-7:25-10:05 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:10-7:25-10:05 Mon-Thu 7:25-9:55

Knowing (14A) Fri-Sun 4-6:45-9:35 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:25

Monsters vs. Aliens (PG) Fri 4:30-7-9:25 Sat-Sun 2:10-4:30-7-9:25 Mon-Thu 7-9:15

Obsessed (14A) Fri 4:50-7:20-10 Sat-Sun 2-4:50-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:50

State of Play (PG) Fri 3:50-6:50-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:40

INTERCHANGE 30
30 Interchange Way, 905-760-1911

Bedtime Stories (G) Fri-Sun 11:15-1:35-4:10-6:35-9:05 Mon-Wed 4:10-6:35-9:05 Thu 4:10-6:35

Coraline 3D (PG) Digital Fri-Sun 11:25-1:50-4:25-7:9:25 Digital Mon-Thu 4:25-7:9:25

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri-Sun 11:20-2:45-6:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 2:45-6:15-9:45

Defiance (14A) Fri-Sun 12:10-3:10-6:10-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:10-6:10-9:20

Doubt (PG) Fri-Sun 11:55-2:30-4:55-7:25-9:55 Mon-Thu 2:30-4:55-7:25-9:55

Fast & Furious (14A) Fri-Sun 11-1:30-2:2:45-3:30-4-4:30-5:15-6-6:30-7-7:45-8:45-9:15-9:45-10:30 Mon-Thu 2-2:45-3:30-4-4:30-5:15-6-6:30-7-7:45-8:45-9:15-9:45-10:30

Gomorrah (14A) Fri-Sun 11:35-2:35-6-9:05 Mon-Wed 2:35-6-9:05 Thu 2:35-6

Gran Torino (14A) Fri-Sun 11:20-2:05-4:50-7:35-10:20 Mon-Thu 2:05-4:50-7:35-10:20

He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Sun 1:05-4-6:45-9:40 Mon-Thu 4-6:45-9:40

The International (14A) Fri-Sun 11:10-1:55-4:35-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:20-10

The Last House on the Left (18A) Fri-Sun 11:45-2:10-4:40-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 2:10-4:40-7:20-9:50

Miss March (14A) Fri-Sun 11:35-2:10-4:20-6:50-9 Mon-Wed 2:10-4:20-6:50-9 Thu 2:10-4:20-6:50

One Week (14A) Fri-Sun 12:20-2:50-5:20-7:40-10:10 Mon-Thu 2:50-5:20-7:40-10:10

Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45-3-5:25-7:35-9:50 Mon-Thu 3-5:25-7:35-9:50

The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri-Sun 1:25-4:20-7:10-9:25 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10-9:25

Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Sun 11:45-2:20-5-7:45-10:05 Mon-Thu 2:20-5-7:45-10:05

The Reader (14A) Fri-Sun 11-1:50-4:25-7:15-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:15-9:55

Revolutionary Road (14A) Fri-Sun 11:25-2-4:50-7:30-10:05 Mon-Thu 2-4:50-7:30-10:05

The Soloist (PG) Fri-Sat 10:45-11:30-12:45-1:30-2:15-3:30-4:15-5:15-6:15-7-8-9-10-11 Sun 10:45-11:30-12:45-1:30-2:15-3:30-4:15-5:15-6:15-7-8-9-10-11 Mon-Thu 1:45-2:15-3:30-4:15-5:15-6:15-7-8-9-10-10:30

Stone of Destiny (PG) Fri-Sun 11:50-2:15-4:35-6:55-9:20 Mon-Thu 2:15-4:35-6:55-9:20

Sunshine Cleaning (14A) Fri-Sun 11:15-1:45-4:30-7:15-9:35 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:15-9:35

Taken (14A) Fri-Sun 12:15-2:55-5:10-7:25-9:40 Mon-Thu 2:55-5:10-7:25-9:40

Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (18A) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:05-5:35-7:55-10:15 Mon-Thu 3:05-5:35-7:55-10:15

The Wrestler (14A) Fri-Sun 11:40-2:25-5-7:30-10:25 Mon-Thu 2:25-5-7:30-10:25

Yes Man (PG) Fri-Sun 11:05-1:35-4:05-6:35-9:10 Mon-Wed 4:05-6:35-9:10 Thu 4:05-6:35

PROMENADE MALL
1 Promenade Circle, 416-494-9371

17 Again (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4-6:55-9

Earth (G) Fri-Thu 12:55-3-5-7:05-9:10

Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:10-9:15

I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Thu 9:25

Monsters vs. Aliens (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-2:50-4:50-7:15

Obsessed (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-7-9:30

The Soloist (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:50-6:50-9:20

THESE PAGES COVER MOVIE START TIMES FROM FRI., APRIL 24 TO THURS., APRIL 30. TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. COMPLETE LISTINGS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT METRONEWS.CA/MOVIES.

Mon 3:50-6:50-9:20 Tue-Thu 1:10-3:50-6:50-9:20 Mon 1

SILVERCITY NEWMARKET
18151 Yonge St., 905-953-2792

17 Again (PG) Fri 3:50-4:30-6:55-7:50-9:40-10:20 Sat-Sun 12:35-1:40-3:50-4:30-6:55-7:50-9:40-10:20 Mon 6:55-7:50-9:40-10:20 Tue 3:50-4:30-6:55-7:50-9:40-10:20 Wed-Thu 6:55-7:50-9:40-10:20

Crank: High Voltage (18A) Fri 4:45-7:20-10:25 Sat-Sun 1:55-4:45-7:20-10:25 Mon 7:20-10:25 Tue 4:45-7:20-10:25 Wed-Thu 7:20-10:25

Dragonball: Evolution (PG) Sat-Sun 2

Earth (G) Fri 5-7:30-9:50 Sat-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:30-9:50 Mon 7:30-9:50 Tue 5-7:30-9:50 Wed-Thu 7:30-9:50

Fast & Furious (14A) Fri 4:05-6:50-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:05-6:50-9:35 Mon 7:05-9:35 Tue 4:05-6:50-9:35 Wed-Thu 7:05-9:35

Fighting (STC) No Passes Fri 4:10-7:10-10:10 Sat-Sun 1-4:10-7:10-10:10 Mon 7:10-10:10 Tue 4:10-7:10-10:10 Wed-Thu 7:10-10:10

Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri 4-6:45-9:10 Sat-Sun 1:10-4-6:45-9:10 Mon 6:45-9:10 Tue 4-6:45-9:10 Wed-Thu 6:45-9:10

I Love You, Man (14A) Fri 3:35-6:35-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:25-3:35-6:35-9:20 Mon 6:35-9:20 Tue 3:35-6:35-9:20 Wed-Thu 6:35-9:20

Knowing (14A) Fri 3:40-6:40-9:45 Sat 3:45-6:40-9:45 Sun 12:45-3:40-9:55 Mon 6:40-9:45 Tue 3:40-6:40-9:45 Wed-Thu 6:40-9:45

Metropolitan Opera: La Sonnambula Encore (STC) Sat 1

Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (PG) Fri 5:10-7:40-10 Sat-Sun 12:15-2:40-5:10-7:40-10 Mon 7:40-10 Tue 5:10-7:40-10 Wed-Thu 7:40-10

Observe and Report (18A) Fri-Sat 4:55-8:10:30 Sun 4:55-8 Mon 8-10:30 Tue 4:55-8-10:30 Wed-Thu 8-10:30

Obsessed (14A) Fri 4:20-7:10:05 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:10:05 Mon 7-10:05 Tue 4:20-7:10:05 Wed-Thu 7-10:05

State of Play (PG) Fri 3:30-6:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:10-3:30-6:30-9:30 Mon 6:30-9:30 Tue 3:30-6:30-9:30 Wed-Thu 6:30-9:30

WWE: Backlash (STC) Sun 8

SILVERCITY RICHMOND HILL
8771 Yonge St., 905-709-3199

17 Again (PG) Fri-Sun 1-4-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 4-7:05-9:45 Fri-Sun 12:15-3:15-6:30-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:30-9:20 Thu 1

Crank: High Voltage (18A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:20-7:25-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:15-10

Dragonball: Evolution (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:25 Mon-Thu 4:25

Duplicity (PG) Fri-Sat 6:40-9:40 Sun 6:40 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:40

Earth (G) Fri-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 5-7:30-9:50

Fast & Furious (14A) Fri-Sat 1:30-4:30-7:40-10:25 Sun 1:30-4:30-7:40-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:10-9:50

Fighting (STC) No Passes Fri 12:40-3:40-7:45-10:30 Sat 12:40-3:40-7:45-10:30 Sun 12:40-3:40-7:25-10:05 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:45-9:20

Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:45-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:35-9:15

I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Sat 1:25-4:10-7:50-10:30 Sun 1:25-4:10-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 4:10-7-9:30

Knowing (14A) Fri-Sun 12:10-3:10-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:20-9:40

Metropolitan Opera: La Sonnambula Encore (STC) Sat 1

Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (PG) Fri 12:30-3:30-7:20-9:50 Sat-Sun 12-2:20-4:50-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:20-9:50

Observe and Report (18A) Fri 2-4:40-8-10:15 Sat 4:40-8-10:15 Sun 2-4:40-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:10-9:35

Obsessed (14A) Fri-Sat 1:10-4:15-7:15-10:20 Sun 1:10-4:15-7:15-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:15-6:55-9:35 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

State of Play (PG) Fri-Sun 12:10-3:35-6:55-10:15 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:50-10

WWE: Backlash (STC) Sun 8

X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG) No Passes Thu 12:01

HALTON

SILVERCITY BURLINGTON 8
1250 Brant St., 416-646-0444

17 Again (PG) Fri-Sat 1:05-1:35-4:05-4:35-7:05-7:35-10:10:30 Sun 1:05-1:35-4:05-4:35-7:05-7:35-10 Mon-Thu 7:05-7:35-10-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1

Crank: High Voltage (18A) Fri 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:20 Sat 4:30-7:30-10:20 Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:20 Mon-Thu 7:30-10:20

Duplicity (PG) Fri-Sat 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15 Sun 1:15-4:15-10:15 Mon-Thu 7:15-10:15

Earth (G) Fri 10-12-2:15-4:45-7:20-10 Sat-Sun 12-2:15-4:45-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 7:20-10

Fast & Furious (14A) Fri-Sun 1-4-7-10 Mon-Thu 7-10

Fighting (STC) No Passes Fri 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:25 Sat-Sun 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:25 Mon-Thu 7:25-10:25

Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri-Sun 1-4-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:40

I Love You, Man (14A) Fri 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:25 Sat 1:40-7:40-10:25 Sun 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:25 Mon-Thu 7:40-10:25

Metropolitan Opera: La Sonnambula Encore (STC) Sat 1

Monsters vs. Aliens (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:30

Obsessed (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20 Mon-Thu 7:20-10:20 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1

State of Play (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:10-10:10

WWE: Backlash (STC) Sun 8

SILVERCITY OAKVILLE CINEMAS
3531 Wyecroft Road, 905 827-7173

17 Again (PG) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:40-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 7:20-10 Fri 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Sat 4:30-7:30-10:30 Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Mon-Thu 7:30-10:30

Crank: High Voltage (18A) Fri-Sun 1-4-7-10 Mon-Thu 7-10

Earth (G) Fri-Sun 1-4-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 7-9:30

Fast & Furious (14A) Fri 1:40-4:30-7:30-10:10 Sat 4:30-7:30-10:10 Sun 1:40-4:30-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:30-10:10

Fighting (STC) No Passes Fri 12:50-3:40-7:40-10:20 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:40-7:40-10:20 Mon-Thu 7:40-10:20

Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:50-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:40

I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:10-7:10-9:55 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:55 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1

Metropolitan Opera: La Sonnambula Encore (STC) Sat 1 Sat 1

Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:20-7:05-9:35 Mon-Thu 7:05-9:35

Obsessed (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-4:20-6:40-9:50 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:50 Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1

State of Play (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:45 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:45

SILVERCITY BRAMPTON
50 Great Lakes, 905-789-6797

17 Again (PG) Fri 3:10-4:10-6:15-7:9-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:10-1:10-3:10-4:10-6:15-7:9-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:40-4:30-6:40-7:20-9:20-10

Adventureland (14A) Fri 3:30-6:30 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:30-6:30 Mon-Thu 3:15-6:10

Crank: High Voltage (18A) Fri 4:50-7:45-10:30 Sat-Sun 1:45-4:50-7:45-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:40-10:15

Earth (G) Fri 5-7:30-9:50 Sat-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 5-7:30-9:50

Fast & Furious (14A) Fri 3:55-7:05-10:05 Sat-Sun 1:05-3:55-7:05-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10-15

Fighting (STC) No Passes Fri 4:15-7:20-10:10 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:15-7:20-10:10 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:35

Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri 3:50-6:45-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:45-9:30

The Haunting in Connecticut (14A) Fri 4:25-7:40-10:25 Sat-Sun 1:25-4:25-7:40-10:25 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:15-10:05

I Love You, Man (14A) Fri 3:20-6:20-9:15 Sat 12:25-3:20-6:20-9:15 Sun 12:25-3:20-9:55 Mon-Thu 3:20-6:20-9:10

Knowing (14A) Fri 6:50-9:55 Sat 12:30-3:35-6:50-9:55 Sun 12:30-3:35-6:50 Mon-Wed 4:15-7:10-10:10 Thu 4:15-7:10-10:10-1:40

Mini Punjab (Punjabi w/e.s.t.) (STC) Fri 5:10-9:10 Sat-Sun 1:20-5:10-9:10 Mon-Thu 4:40-8:50

Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (PG) Fri 5:05-7:35-10 Sat-Sun 12:05-2:35-5:05-7:35-10 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:15-8:45

Observe and Report (18A) Fri-Sun 9:20 Mon-Thu 9

Obsessed (14A) Fri 4:05-7:10-10:15 Sat-Sun 1:4:05-7:10-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:05-9:55

State of Play (PG) Fri 3:15-6:35-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:15-3:15-6:35-9:35 Mon-Thu 3:10-6:30-9:40

Tera Mera Ki Rishta (Punjabi w/e.s.t.) (G) Fri 4:45-8:30 Sat-Sun 12:45-4:45-8:30 Mon-Thu 4-8:10

WWE: Backlash (STC) Sun 8

WINSTON CHURCHILL
2081 Winston Park Dr. Oakville, 905-829-2009

17 Again (PG) Special Engagement Fri 1:20-2-4:45-6:45-7:25-9:30-10:15 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 10:45-11:45-1:20-2-4:45-6:45-7:25-9:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 1:20-2-4:45-6:45-7:25-9:30-10:15

Crank: High Voltage (18A) Special Engagement Fri 12:30-2-2:55-4:40-5:15-7:15-8:10-9:45-10:40 Special Engagement Sat 11:35-12:30-2-2:55-4:40-5:15-7:15-8:10-9:45-10:40 Special Engagement Sun 11:35-12:30-2-2:55-4:40-5:15-7:15-8:10-9:45 Mon-Thu 12:30-2-2:55-4:40-5:15-7:15-8:10-9:45

Fast & Furious (14A) Fri 12:20-1:1-1:50-2:30-3:05-3:50-4:30-5:5:45-6:25-7:10-7:50-8:30-9:10-9:50-10:35-11:05 Sat 11:05-11:50-12:20-1:1-1:50-2:30-3:05-3:50-4:30-5:5:45-6:25-7:10-7:50-8:30-9:10-9:50-10:35-11:05 Sun 11:05-11:50-12:20-1:1-1:50-2:30-3:05-3:50-4:30-5:5:45-6:25-7:10-7:50-8:30-9:10-9:50-10:35 Mon-Thu 12:20-1:1-1:50-2:30-3:05-3:50-4:30-5:5:45-6:25-7:10-7:50-8:30-9:10-9:50-10:35

Fighting (STC) Special Engagement Fri 12:15-1:15-2:45-3:45-5:15-6:15-7:45-8:45-10:30-11:15 Special Engagement Sat 10:40-12:15-1:15-2:45-3:45-5:15-6:15-7:45-8:45-10:30-11:15 Special Engagement Sun 10:40-12:15-1:15-2:45-3:45-5:15-6:15-7:45-8:45-10:30 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 12:15-1:15-2:45-3:45-5:15-6:15-7:45-8:45-10:30

Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri 12:1-40-2:25-4:10-5:6:50-7:30-9:15-10:10 Sat-Sun 11:10-12:1-40-2:25-4:10-5:6:50-7:30-9:15-10:10 Mon-Thu 12:1-40-2:25-4:10-5:6:50-7:30-9:15-10:10

The Haunting in Connecticut (14A) Fri-Thu 12:05-2:40-5:05-7:35-10:05

He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri 1:35-4:35-7:40-10:30 Sat-Sun 10:35-1:35-4:35-7:40-10:30 Mon-Thu 1:35-4:35-7:40-10:30

The International (14A) Fri 2:05-4:50-7:35-10:45 Sat 11:20-2:05-4:50-7:35-10:45 Sun 11:20-2:05-4:50-7:35 Mon-Thu 2:05-4:50-7:35

Knowing (14A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:25-7:20-10:10

Monsters vs. Aliens (PG) Fri 12:45-3:15-5:40-8-10:25 Sat-Sun 10:30-12:45-3:15-5:40-8-10:25 Mon-Thu 12:45-3:15-5:40-8-10:25

Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (PG) Digital Fri 2:10-4:20-7:15-9:45 Digital Sat-Sun 11:40-2:10-4:20-7:15-9:45 Digital Mon-Thu 2:10-4:20-7:15-9:45

The Soloist (PG) Special Engagement Fri 12-1:10-1:45-2:45-3:45-4:30-5:30-6:30-7:30-8:15-9:15-10:15-11:10 Special Engagement Sat 10:30-11-12-1:10-1:45-2:45-3:45-4:30-5:30-6:30-7:30-8:15-9:15-10:15-11:10 Special Engagement Sun 10:30-11-12-1:10-1:45-2:45-3:45-4:30-5:30-6:30-7:30-8:15-9:15-10:15 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 12-1:10-1:45-2:45-3:45-4:30-5:30-6:30-7:30-8:15-9:15-10:15

Taken (14A) Fri 2:20-4:40-7:05-9:20 Sat-Sun 11:55-2:20-4:40-7:05-9:20 Mon-Thu 2:20-4:40-7:05-9:20

Watchmen (18A) Fri 2:30-6-9:30 Sat-Sun 10:50-2:30-6-9:30 Mon-Thu 2:30-6-9:30

DURHAM

AJAX
248 Kingston Rd. E, 905-426-7772

17 Again (PG) Fri-Sun 12-2:40-7:05-9:45 Mon-Thu 7:05-9:45

Crank: High Voltage (18A) Fri-Sun 12:05-2:30-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:40

Dragonball: Evolution (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:40-6:30-9:20 Mon-Wed 6:30-9:20 Thu 7:05-9:20

Fast & Furious (14A) Fri-Sun 1:15-4-7:25-10 Mon-Wed 7:25-10 Thu 7:25-10:05

Fighting (STC) No Passes Fri 12:15-2:45-7-9:55 Sat-Sun 12:15-2:45-7-9:55 Mon-Thu 7-9:55

Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:25-6:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:30

I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Sun 1:3:45-7:15-10:05 Mon-Thu 7:15-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

Monsters vs. Aliens (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20-3-6:55-9:25 Mon-Thu 6:55-9:25

Obsessed (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:15-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:30-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

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Crank: High Voltage (18A) Fri 7:45-10:15 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:15-7:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 6-8:45

Fast & Furious (14A) Fri 6:30-9:15 Sat-Sun 12:15-3-6:30-9:15 Mon-Thu 5:20-8

Fighting (STC) No Passes Fri 7:30-10:20 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:20-7:30-10:20 Mon-Thu 5:50-8:30

Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri 6:45-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:20 Mon-Thu 5-7:50

Monsters vs. Aliens (PG) Fri 7:20-9:45 Sat-Sun 12:2:20-4:50-7:20-9:45 Mon-Thu 5:15-7:40

Obsessed (14A) Fri 7-10 Sat-Sun 1-4-7-10 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:20

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17 Again (PG) Special Engagement Fri 12:40-2:10-3:10-4:45-5:40-7:20-8-9:45-10:30 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:45-12:40-2:10-3:10-4:45-5:40-7:20-8-9:45-10:30 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2:10-3:10-4:45-5:40-7:20-8-9:45-10:30

Adventureland (14A) Fri-Thu 3-7:45

Crank: High Voltage (18A) Special Engagement Fri 1:15-3:40-6-8:20-10:40 Special Engagement Sat 11:1-1:15-3:40-6-8:20-10:40 Special Engagement Sun 11:1-1:15-3:40-6-8:20-10:30 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 3:40-6-8:20-10:30

Duplicity (PG) Fri-Thu 1:50-7:10

Earth (G) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 12-2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45

Fast & Furious (14A) Fri-Sat 12:15-1:30-2:45-4:15-5:25-7:05-8:15-9:30-10:45 Sun 12:15-1:30-2:45-4:15-5:25-7:05-8:15-9:30 Mon-Thu 2:45-4:15-5:25-7:05-8:15-9:30

Fighting (STC) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 12:25-2:50-5:30-8-10:25 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2:50-5:30-8-10:25

Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri 12-1:45-2:30-4:20-5-7:7:45-9:30-10:15 Sat-Sun 11:15-12-1:45-2:30-4:20-5-7:7:45-9:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 1:45-2:30-4:20-5-7:7:45-9:30-10:15

The Haunting in Connecticut (14A) Fri 2-4:30-7:10-9:35 Sat-Sun 11:20-2-4:30-7:10-9:35 Mon-Thu 2-4:30-7:10-9:35

I Love You, Man (14A) Fri 2:30-5-7:30-10:05 Sat-Sun 11:50-2:30-5-7:30-10:05 Mon-Thu 2:30-5-7:30-10:05

Knowing (14A) Fri 1:45-4:20-7:15-10 Sat-Sun 11:10-1:45-4:20-7:15-10 Mon-Thu 1:45-4:20-7:15-10

Monsters vs. Aliens (PG) Fri 2:10-4:45-7:10-9:30 Sat-Sun 11:45-2:10-4:45-7:10-9:30 Mon-Thu 2:10-4:45-7:10-9:30

Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (PG) Digital Fri-Sun 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:40-10 Digital Mon-Thu 2:45-5:15-7:40-10

Observe and Report (18A) Fri 1:20-3:25-5:35-7:40-9:50 Sat-Sun 11:10-1:20-3:25-5:35-7:40-9:50 Mon-Thu 3:25-5:35-7:40-9:50

Obsessed (14A) Special Engagement Fri 12:30-2:15-3-4:45-5:30-7:15-8-9:45-10:30 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:45-12:30-2:15-3-4:45-5:30-7:15-8-9:45-10:30 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2:15-3-4:45-5:30-7:15-8-9:45-10:30

The Soloist (PG) Special Engagement Fri 12-1:30-2:15-2:45-4:15-5-5:30-7:7:40-8:10-9:45-10:15-10:45 Special Engagement Sat 11:30-12-1:30-2:15-2:45-4:15-5-5:30-7:7:40-8:10-9:45-10:15-10:45 Special Engagement Sun 11:30-12-1:30-2:15-2:45-4:15-5-5:30-7:7:40-8:10-9:45-10:15 Special Engagement Mon-Wed 2:15-2:45-4:15-5-5:30-7:7:40-8:10-9:45-10:15 Special Engagement Thu 2:15-2:45-4:15-5-5:30-7:7:40-8:10-10:15

State of Play (PG) Special Engagement Fri 1-1:50-4-4:50-7:7:45-9:50-10:35 Special Engagement Sat 11-1-1:50-4-4:50-7:7:45-9:50-10:35 Special Engagement Sun 11-1-1:50-4-4:50-7:7:45-9:50 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 1:50-4-4:50-7:7:45-9:50

Sunshine Cleaning (14A) Fri 4:35-10:05 Sat-Sun 11:25-4:35-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:35-10:05

Taken (14A) Fri-Sun 12:45-5:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 5:30-10:10

X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG) Special Engagement Thu 12:01-12:02

Billboard's top albums
1. Hannah Montana (Miley Cyrus, right): **2.** Forever in a Day, DAY26; **3.** Unstoppable, Rascal Flatts; **4.** Twilight Soundtrack, Various Artist; **5.** NOW 30, Various Artists. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

Cure for Writer's Block

Peter Bjorn and John reinvent sound after finding success

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

After reading Peter Bjorn and John's press release for their new album Living Thing, you can't help but feel the guys are a bit frustrated that Young Folks, their hit single with the infectious whistle off 2006's Writer's Block, got as popular as it did.

"What a lot of people don't seem to understand is that we're celebrating our 10th anniversary as a band this year, they think this will be our second album when in reality it's actually our fifth," said lead singer Peter Moren in the release.

When I spoke with him a few weeks before the band's new disc hit shelves, he made it known that while he was appreciative of what that song has done for his career, Young Folks' popularity was a mixed blessing.

"It was 99 per cent helpful," he says on the phone from the group's home base, Stockholm, Sweden. "But because it was tied into one song like that, we had to make an instrumental album (2008's Seaside Rock). It was therapeutic for us to get into the studio without expectations."

But, while it's true that Seaside Rock is technically the follow-up to Writer's Block, it's Living Thing that people will compare to their hit record. If fans are looking for an album full of sunny, Young Folks-like pop, they're going to be disappointed, mostly because that one song isn't what Peter Bjorn and John are about. The band has always had a dark streak, and it's out in full force here — the trio set their musical focus on spooky percussion and minimalist guitars and bass; in fact, the whole disc consists mostly of just vocals, drums and electro sounds.

Living Thing, the fifth album by Sweden's Peter Bjorn and John, in now available in stores.

However, every song still has the same infectious melodies that made Young Folks a hit, it'll just take fans of that song a while to warm up to these somewhat less accessible tracks. But, if their fans bothered to listen to more than just Writer's Block, they'd understand that Living Thing isn't actually that different from their previous work.

"The album before Writer's Block was a bit more angry and sad. It just felt natural to do something in that vein again."
Peter Moren

"The album before Writer's Block was a bit more angry and sad," says Moren. "It just felt natural to do something in that vein again."

Moren points out that they didn't push their darker side because of Writer's Block's popularity. "Even if we wouldn't have had that success, we still would have sounded like this now," he says, adding that they've always tried to reinvent their sounds. "The soft songs and melancholy beats are similar, but you need to frame it in a different way."

Of course, many fans won't realize that they've been framing and re-framing their sound for years now, so to the followers who only know Young Folks Moren says "if you're into Writer's Block there are things you can find on other records you'll like too."

"But, if you only like a couple songs," he makes sure to add, "that's perfectly fine too."

PB&J live

- Peter Bjorn and John play the Phoenix Concert Theatre on Saturday night.

Bell Orchestra takes time to get it right

Bell Orchestra plays the Courthouse Friday night.

BRIAN TOWIE
Metro Canada

They do take their time, but Bell Orchestre gets it done.

The sextet from Montreal is never in a hurry when they release music. Their new opus, As Seen Through Windows, dropped in March but had been evolving since 2006. It followed in the footsteps of its predecessor, Recording A Tape The Colour Of Light, which was ready in 2003 but was released in 2005.

Taking the time to get it right is the band's ethos, says horn player Kaveh Nabatian, who adds that they had fairly exacting specifications of Windows' sweeping esthetic vision; classically inspired ethereal compositions that rely on wall-of-sound blends of strings, woodwinds and brass to express the ever-changing disposition of the disc. "If you're going to cook a chili, you have to let it simmer for a few hours," says Nabatian.

Of course, you could also blame Arcade Fire as a day job for three of the band's members (bassist Richard Reed Parry, fiddler Sarah Neufeld and French horn player Pietro Amato who joins them on tours), for much of the time that it takes to make a Bell Orchestre album. The popularity of the band delayed Bell Orchestre's first release when the group toured its first album Funeral.

"It doesn't allow us as much time as we would have if people weren't in super-famous rock bands," Nabatian says of Arcade Fire. "We do get access to interesting people and to a whole other fan base that we wouldn't have otherwise, though the music has to stand on its own for the people to stay interested."

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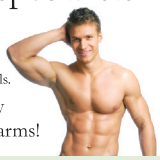

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Money the key to big-name reunions

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A reunion of English band The Smiths (frontman Morrissey pictured here) would be among rock music's biggest coups.

As you read this, they're just finishing cleaning up after several hundred thousand people who temporarily quintupled the population of Indio, Calif., a small desert city about 180 kilometres east of Los Angeles, for the annual Coachella Music and Arts Festival.

Coachella has become THE place for big-name reunions. In years past, organizers have somehow managed to convince the fractious Rage Against the Machine, the infighting Crowded House and the squabbly Jesus and Mary Chain to put differences aside for the sake of music, art and money. Gobs and gobs of money.

This year, though, gasp-worth reunions didn't materialize. My Bloody Valentine is on the bill, but they've been playing gigs for a year now. Old news. Instead, we saw sets by Paul McCartney and Leonard Cohen.

With almost everyone in the reunion business again this year, who's there left to convince to put all the bad blood aside for a chance to top up the pension plan?

Blur would have been a good get for Coachella, but they're not about to screw up the hysteria that's building toward a series of high-profile appearances that have already been announced for the U.K. this summer. Blink-182? Too busy rehearsing for a summer comeback tour with their friends in Weezer. Seeing the original Specials would have been cool, but arguments with founder Jerry Dammers ("Are you in, mate? Or are you out?") delayed that train. Maybe next year.

So what about next year? A Scottish paper started a rumour that the Stone Roses had already booked a U.K. tour, which included a stop at Coachella. Alas, that was just some wishful thinking during a slow news day.

The Talking Heads? Their name came up, but David Byrne quickly squashed that. Besides, the ex-Heads have evolved so much as musicians, songwriters and performers that none of them can see themselves in big suits to sing Psycho Killer again.

The biggest possible coup? A reunited Smiths, which would be Biblical. But if Morrissey, Johnny Marr, Andy Rourke and Mike Joyce were to ever step onstage and play together, the ground would surely open up and swallow all of California, creating a black hole that would in time consume the entire earth. And considering the state is already in danger of cleaving into the Pacific, no one wants to take that chance.

The Ongoing History of New Music can be heard on stations across Canada. Read more at ongoinghistory.com and exploremusic.com

Metro recommends

• **WE ARE THE SAME, THE TRAGICALLY HIP:** Lush string arrangements and guest musicians help the Hip deliver a more expansive, country sound.

• **VICTORIA DAY, MELISSA MCCLELLAND:** McClelland's classic voice perfectly suits her album's fusion of twangy blues, '50s pop and tender balladry.

• **A POSITIVE RAGE, THE HOLD STEADY:** Brooklyn Indie rockers' recording of raucous 2007 concert showcases Springsteen's influence on brawny guitar tunes. METRO NEWS SERVICES

TOP 10
MOBILE DOWNLOADS
1 Right Round — Flo Rida
2 Kiss Me Thru The Phone — Soulja Boy
3 Crack a Bottle — Eminem
4 Dead And Gone — T.I.
5 Love Game — Lady Gaga
6 I'm On A Boat — Lonely Island
7 Single Ladies — Beyoncé
8 Jai Ho! — A.R. Rahman
9 Untouched — Veronicas
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Oh, Henry!
Henry, Betty's old flame who left her and moved to Arizona, will be back, TVGuide.com has confirmed. Christopher Gorham, the actor who plays Henry, will appear in the May 21 season finale of Ugly Betty. TVGUIDE.COM

Television

Teetering on the chopping block

Monday marks the season finale of both Chuck and Heroes. Could they also be series finales? This is the time of year when the fates of shows that are "on the bubble" — low rated and thus close to cancellation — are determined.

By the middle of May, U.S. broadcasters will announce which shows have made the cut, as well as which new shows will premiere next fall.

Some low-rated shows might get a reprieve this season due to the downturn in the economy. It costs less to keep an existing show on air than launch a new one.

Law & Order, which needs a renewal to break the 20 season record set by Gunsmoke, might not get it due to declining ratings and a lack of drama space at NBC. And what about the new cop drama Southland, which is holding its own in the old ER time slot?

There is some speculation that NBC might toss low-rated Lipstick Jungle over to one of its sister cable networks, Bravo or Lifetime.

Heroes is down but probably not out thanks to favourable demographics, while Chuck is on the bubble. A show like Chuck might be saved by the economic downturn. There is a definite swing toward lighter fare next season. Grim shows like Without a Trace may be deemed too scary for scary times.

Some of the recent midseason shows are already iffy for renewal. Cupid has been pulled from ABC's line-up, though Surviving Suburbia, a traditional sitcom headlined by Bob Saget, has shown surprising strength. Amy Poehler's new comedy Parks & Recreation is also off to a strong start. THE CANADIAN PRESS

On the bubble

- Better off Ted (ABC)
- Castle (ABC)
- Cold Case (CBS)
- Chuck (NBC)
- Degrassi: The Next Generation (CTV)
- Dollhouse (Fox)
- Eleventh Hour (CBS)
- Gary Unmarried (CBS)
- Harper's Island (CBS)
- Kings (NBC)
- Knight Rider (NBC)
- Medium (NBC)
- Motherhood (ABC)
- My Name is Earl (NBC)
- The New Adventures of Old Christine (CBS)
- Private Practice (ABC)
- Reaper (CW)
- Samantha Who? (ABC)
- Sit Down, Shut Up (Fox)
- Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles (Fox)
- The Unit (CBS)

Avon to launch infomercial

ADVERTISING Avon's calling — this time on television.

The troubled cosmetics firm is recruiting new sales reps with its first-ever TV infomercial, debuting Saturday on the Oxygen cable network in the U.S.

The half-hour ad features Deborah Norville and financial guru Suze Orman, but is dominated by testimonials from women who sell Avon's products. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PBS ups online programming

ONLINE PBS may be cooler than you think. On Wednesday, the U.S. Public Broadcasting Service staked its Internet claim by launching a new video portal at pbs.org/video. PBS says that by the summer, it will eventually host thousands of hours of programming. The portal brings together programming previously scattered across numerous websites. THE ASSOCIATED

FRIDAY

TO	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
4/24/09	265	353	2 TVO	Joanna Lumley-Northern		Agenda With Steve Paikin		Heartbeat		Allan Gregg	Film 101	Agenda
	211	331	3 GTV	Malcolm-Mid.	Entertainment	Prison Break "Vs" (N)		(9:01) Dollhouse		NUMB3RS (HDTV) (N)		News
	215	343	4 OMN1	Two Men	Simpsons	News (N)		Vivere II	News	Simpsons	King of Hill	Metropia
	210	302	6 CBC	22 Minutes	Laughs	Comedy Fest.	Comedy Fest	CBC News: the fifth estate		CBC News: The National (N)		The Hour
	214	344	7 CITY	Law & Order: SVU		Mantracker (DVS)		Departures		Out There	Out There	News
	212	313	8 CTV	etalk	Hollywood	Ghost Whisperer (N)		Flashpoint (HDTV) (N)		Spectacle: Elivs		News
	218	345	11 E!	The Insider	E! News (N)	True Hollywood Story		20/20 (HDTV) (N)				News
	-	387	16 CBS	Inside Edition	Draft Special	Ghost Whisperer (N)		Flashpoint (HDTV) (N)		NUMB3RS (HDTV) (N)		News
	-	385	17 NBC	The Insider	Entertainment	Concert-Life	Howie Do It	Dateline NBC				News
	-	386	18 ABC	Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Wife Swap (N)		20/20 (HDTV) (N)				News (N)
	219	346	20 ACH-B	Instant Star	TMZ (N)	Wife Swap (N)		Supernanny		Whistler (DVS)		News
	-	-	28 FOX	Judge Judy	Two Men	Prison Break "Vs" (N)		(9:01) Dollhouse		Seinfeld	Two Men	Simpsons
	-	388	61 PBS	News-Lehrer	Summer Wine	*Suspicion* ★★★ (1941, Suspense)		(9:45) I've Got a Secret			Wash. Week	Business Rpt.
news	500	500	33 CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown: No Bias		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)		
sports	405	417	22 net	MMA Conn	Jays	MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Chicago White Sox. (HDTV) (Live)						Sportsnet
	400	400	30 TSN	NHL Hockey: East Quarterfinal -- Rangers at Capitals					Hockey	SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)		
family	551	542	25 YTV	*Uptown Girls* ★★ (2003, Comedy) Brittany Murphy.				Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Family Biz	Adrenaline	Mystery Hnt.
	554	544	45 TEL	Batman	Spider-Man	Wolverine	Justice	Futurama	*Ultimate Avengers 2: Rise of the Panther*			GI Joe
	556	540	51 FAM	Sonny	*Hatching Pete* (2009, Comedy)			*Minutemen* (2008, Comedy)			*Men in Black* (1997)	
cable variety	615	520	31 A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Recoil"		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		Criminal
	575	583	38 CMT	Cross Canada Countdown				Ed "Live Deliberately"		*Maternal Instincts* ★★ (1996, Suspense)		
	616	521	39 SHO	The Outer Limits		Durham County		Testees	Kenny	Webdreams	Sin Cities	Wife Swap
	294	529	47 TBS	House-Payne	House-Payne	*King Kong* ★★★ (2005, Adventure) Naomi Watts, Jack Black, Adrien Brody.						Family Guy
	581	566	52 MTV	Play'd	After Show	Made "Wakeboarder"		College Life	Beatdown	Fantasy Fact.	Nitro Circus	MTV Live (N)
	603	561	56 FOOD	Chef at Home	Fresh-Anna	Thirsty	Thirsty	Bobby Flay	Dinner	Diners	Diners	Ramsay
	300	601	301 M1	*Desperate Escape* (2009, Suspense)				*Traitor* ★★★ (2008, Action) Don Cheadle.				*Linewatch*

SATURDAY

TO	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
4/25/09	265	353	2 TVO	Hurricanes		*The Late Show* ★★★★ (1977)			Interviews (N)	*Nobody's Fool* ★★★ (1994, Drama)		
	211	331	3 GTV	ET Canada	Masterminds	Stolen-Sisters		Doc		Doc		News
	215	343	4 OMN1	Na Luzie		Svitohliad	Objektyv	Russian Waves		Solo Flight		MADtv
	210	302	6 CBC	NHL Hockey: Eastern Conference Quarterfinal Game 5 -- Canadiens at Bruins						NHL Hockey: Conf. Quarterfinal		
	214	344	7 CITY	Without a Trace		Murdoch Mysteries (HDTV)		*Lucid* ★★ (2005, Mystery) Jonas Chernick. (DVS)				News
	212	313	8 CTV	W-FIVE		CSI: NY		Law & Order: SVU		Southland		News
	218	345	11 E!	Family	E News	Movie				Show Yours	G-Spot	News
	-	387	16 CBS	Paid Program	Paid Program	Streisand: Live in Concert		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		48 Hours Mystery (N)		News
	-	385	17 NBC	Guthy-Renker	Paid Program	Law & Order: SVU		Southland (HDTV)		Law & Order (HDTV)		News
	-	386	18 ABC	Paid Program	Paid Program	*Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* ★★★ (2002, Fantasy), Emma Watson						News (N)
	219	346	20 ACH-B	The Road to Avonlea		*Artificial Lies* ★★ (2000, Drama) (DVS)				Comedy Now	Comedy Now	News
	-	-	28 FOX	Fresh Prince	Paid Program	Cops	Cops	America's Most Wanted		Simpsons	Simpsons	MADtv
	-	388	61 PBS	All Creatures Great & Small		Lark Rise to Candleford		Return of Sherlock Holmes		Poirot		Masterpiece
news	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		Campbell Brown: No Bias		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Planet in Peril
sports	405	417	22 net	MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Chicago White Sox. (HDTV) (Live)						Sportsnet Connected		Poker
	400	400	30 TSN	(4) 2009 NFL Draft		NHL Playoffs Pre-Game		NHL Hockey: West Quarterfinal -- Flames at Blackhawks				
family	551	542	25 YTV	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	*The Goonies* ★★ (1985, Adventure) Sean Astin, Josh Brolin.					Bleach	Mystery Hnt.
	554	544	45 TEL	*Hey There, It's Yogi Bear* ★★ (1964, Comedy)				Futurama	Chicken	Clone High	Rick & Steve	Moral Orel
	556	540	51 FAM	That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	*Oh, God!* ★★★ (1977, Comedy)			(10:38) *Superman II*	
cable variety	615	520	31 A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Extreme"		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami
	575	583	38 CMT	Our Song	Our Song	Karaoke Star Junior		Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Fortune's Favour		Grand Opry
	616	521	39 SHO	Mutant X		*The Perfect Child* (2007, Drama) Rebecca Budig.				*X-Men: The Last Stand* (2006, Action)		
	294	529	47 TBS	House-Payne	House-Payne	*King Kong* ★★★ (2005, Adventure) Naomi Watts, Jack Black, Adrien Brody.						*Anaconda* ★
	581	566	52 MTV	MTV Live	After	Made "Wakeboarder"		MTV News	Play'd	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs
	603	561	56 FOOD	Food	Glutton	Ramsay's Kitchen		Ultimate Recipe Showdown		Kitchen Nightmares		The F Word
	300	601	301 M1	*Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*				*Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*				*Halloween* ★

SUNDAY

TO	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
4/26/09	265	353	2 TVO	Balloons		Lost in Austen		King Festival	The Allan King Festival (N)		The Allan King Festival (N)	
	211	331	3 GTV	Amer Dad	Bob & Doug	Simpsons	Sit Down	Family Guy	Amer Dad	Brothers & Sisters (N)		News
	215	343	4 OMN1	Without a Trace		Jim	Look I Cook	Look I Cook	Noi Oggi	Metropia	Metropia	Vamos
	210	302	6 CBC	Geologic Journey		*Victor: The Victor Davis Story* (2008, Biography)				CBC News: Sunday Night		fifth estate
	214	344	7 CITY	Two Men	Hates Chris	Kings		Rock of Love Bus		Crusoe (DVS)		News
	212	313	8 CTV	Star Wars	Degrassi	The Amazing Race 14		Desperate Housewives (N)		(10:01) The Mentalist (N)		News
	218	345	11 E!	Mysteries	Mysteries	Extreme Makeover: Home		The Celebrity Apprentice (N)				News
	-	387	16 CBS	60 Minutes		The Amazing Race 14		Cold Case (HDTV) (N)		The Unit (HDTV) (N)		News
	-	385	17 NBC	Dateline NBC "You Might Be Rich!" (N)				The Celebrity Apprentice (N)				News
	-	386	18 ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives (N)		Brothers & Sisters (N)		News (N)
	219	346	20 ACH-B	Funniest Home Videos		Gossip Girl (HDTV) (N)		Cold Case (HDTV) (N)		Medium (N)		News
	-	-	28 FOX	Amer Dad	King of Hill	Simpsons	Sit Down	Family Guy	Amer Dad	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cold Case
	-	388	61 PBS	The Lawrence Welk Show		Nature (HDTV) (DVS)		Masterpiece Classic "Little Dorrit"			Independent Lens	
news	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Planet in Peril
sports	405	417	22 net	World Sport	Baseball	MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox. From Fenway Park in Boston.						Sportsnet
	400	400	30 TSN	SportsCentre	NHL Hockey: East Quarterfinal -- Devils at Hurricanes					SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)		
family	551	542	25 YTV	*Ferris Bueller's Day Off*		SpongeBob	Prank Patrol	In Real Life "E.R."		Adrenaline	Survive This	Mystery Hnt.
	554	544	45 TEL	Jimmy Two	Totally Spies	6TEEN	6TEEN	Futurama	Punch	Life's a Zoo	Life's a Zoo	Rick & Steve
	556	540	51 FAM	That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	*Sleepless in Seattle* ★★★ (1993)			(10:45) *City Slickers*	
cable variety	615	520	31 A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Ambush"		CSI: Miami "All In"		The Sopranos (HDTV)		The Sopranos
	575	583	38 CMT	Cross Canada Countdown		Taylor Swift: One on One		CMA Music Festival: Country's Night to Rock				Gone Country
	616	521	39 SHO	The Guard (HDTV)		*Love Sick: Secrets of a Sex Addict* (2008)				Rescue Me "French"		The Guard
	294	529	47 TBS	(6) *Kicking & Screaming*		*King Kong* ★★★ (2005, Adventure) Naomi Watts, Jack Black, Adrien Brody.						*Dumb*
	581	566	52 MTV	Made "Wakeboarder"		Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	After
	603	561	56 FOOD	Challenge		100 Mile Challenge		Iron Chef America		Chef Jeff Project		At the Table
	300	601	301 M1	(6:30) *Spider-Man 3* ★★ (2007, Action)				*Iron Man* ★★★ (2008, Action) Robert Downey Jr..				*11th Hour*

the hot ticket

by Enza Anderson

Enza brings Metro readers the weekly scoop on Toronto's hottest parties and events.

If you would you like your event featured in the hot ticket, email enza.supermodel.anderson@gmail.com.

UND label designers Molly Grundy, left, and Nina Be.

Designer Wesley Badanjak.

FASHION DESIGNERS of a unique variety took their looks to the runway this week in the 4th annual (FAT) Toronto Alternative Arts & Fashion Week at the Distillery District. The four-day event also highlighted visual artists, musicians, performers and dancers.

RIGHT: Model Kelly Boag

Pink Lady fashion label designers Heather Hobbs, left, and Christy Litster.

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Panettiere is victim of theft

Hayden Panettiere has had $15,000 US worth of jewellery stolen. The Heroes actress reportedly returned from a trip to Australia last week and discovered someone had got into her Los Angeles home and taken the items. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Going Out

Solo show Claudia mesmerizes... again

Writer-star Kristen Thomson utilizes a series of masks in her solo show I, Claudia.

There are times when one isn't the loneliest number after all.

By virtue of its intimacy and the vulnerability of its performer, a great one-person piece of theatre has the power to draw you into its narrative in a way that an ensemble show can't.

Canadian theatre has embraced the solo show as a viable art form all on its own, a fact being driven home by Kristen Thomson's revival of her 2001 hit, I, Claudia, at the Young Centre for the Performing Arts starting tomorrow.

Thomson's piece about a girl on the cusp of adolescence coping with her parents' divorce became one of the most acclaimed shows in recent memory. Returning to the ancient Greek theatre's use of the mask, Thomson was able to submerge herself inside the character of Claudia without having to descend to a mere imitation of a prepubescent girl.

just the facts

- What: I, Claudia
- When: Through May 23
- Where: Young Centre for the Performing Arts, Distillery District
- Tickets: $25 to $35 at 416-866-8666 or youngcentre.ca

I, Claudia toured the nation, was turned into an award-winning film and was later produced in numerous venues with performers other than Thomson tackling the leading role.

It's easy to see why a cast of one is appealing to a dollar-wise producer, especially when it comes to touring, and one can understand how limelight-hungry actors would long to appear without any thespian competition. But why do the people in the paying seats share their enthusiasm?

To begin with, we're a nation of storytellers. Chalk it up to the long, cold, solitary winters if you like, but there's something in the Canadian psyche that enjoys sitting down and spinning a yarn. It can be comic or tragic, realistic or fantastic; it doesn't matter. We love to tell them and we love to listen to them.

Next is the economic imperative. When our theatre movement really started blossoming in the 1970s, it often did so through organizations that didn't have a lot of money. The rough and ready style of the day, which started as a necessity and wound up as an aesthetic, leant itself to simple collective creations or even simpler monologues.

There's also a strong streak of individual initiative that marks the Canadian temperament and the solo show fits that to perfection. The spiky, feisty loner with a chip on his or her shoulder and a somewhat skewed way of looking at the world didn't have to persuade a theatre company to produce their plays. Just think them up, write them down, and put them in front of an audience.

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Mix of Six

Toronto Fashion Incubator

When: Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: The Carlu, 444 Yonge St.

ELLE Canada hosts an exclusive opportunity to attend clinics and seminars boasting the hottest tips and trends for the spring/summer season. The evening is a benefit/fundraiser for the Toronto Fashion Incubator. Elleshow.ca for more info.

FAT Closing

When: Friday and Saturday
Where: Distillery District, Club V

The Toronto Alternative Fashion Week has its final showcases tonight in the Distillery District. The official after-party is on Saturday in Yorkville, naturally. Visit alternativefashionweek.com.

Knocking Down Silos

When: Monday, 6:30 p.m.
Where: Sheraton Parkway Hotel, 600 Hwy 7 E.

Feeling stressed in these difficult economic times? Motivational speaker Dave Howlett will give you a new outlook on how to succeed. Presented by RealHumanBeing.org and Metro Toronto.

Centre Stage with Violets

When: Saturday and Sunday
Where: Sherway Gardens

The Lakeshore African Violet Society's annual show will feature hundreds of varieties. Experts will offer growing tips. Admission is free. Visit sherwaygardens.ca.

Anne of Green Gables

When: Saturday
Where: Lillian H. Smith Library Branch

In celebration of Keep Toronto Reading, the city's festival of literature, Dancap Productions presents a staged excerpt from Canada's largest running musical. For more information, call 416-393-7746.

Fundraising

- The 25th anniversary of the GTA Walk of Life begins at Exhibition Place this Sunday. Participants will walk to raise funds for the fight against cardiovascular disease. Register at walkoflife.ca.
- The 16th annual Toronto Spring Sprint will occur at Sunnybrook Park on Saturday — rain or shine. The five km walk or run will raise money for brain tumour research and treatment. Visit springsprint.ca.

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Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot

1 KISS Contest

MUSIC Seems like every city wants to rock 'n' roll all night and party every day. Ever since the gods of make-up-rock announced that fans get to decide the stops for their North American fall tour, online votes have been piling up for urban centres. The top four cities so far are Canadian, led by Winnipeg.

2 Qwitter

WEB Twitter may be the in thing these days, but are you? If you see your online followers disappearing fast from your network, this application may help you trace which of your 140-character stinkers was their last straw.

3 Les Miserables

MUSICAL The acclaimed musical is a hot ticket once again thanks to Susan Boyle, whose jaw-dropping rendition of I Dreamed a Dream on Britain's Got Talent wowed the world. The album with the original London cast was No. 21 on iTunes Hot 100 Downloads this week.

4 Recession-themed shows

TV Maybe it will take a little credit crisis to revive the dwindling fortunes of quality television. Recession is the buzzword among networks these days — ABC is working on Canned, a comedy about a group of friends who get laid off the same day, while Fox is planning Two-Dollar Beer which focuses on tough times in and around Motor City Detroit.

5 Dan Brown

AUTHOR All signs point to another bumper year for the mega-selling writer. This week, Brown announced that The Lost Symbol, the much-anticipated follow-up to The Da Vinci Code, will be out in September. Also on the cards is Ron Howard's adaptation of Angels & Demons, which promises to be one of the biggest box-office draws of summer.

6 Matthew Williamson's H&M collection

FASHION Now you can get a piece of one of Britain's hottest designers without having to pay designer dollars. Williamson is the latest designer to create a capsule collection for the Swedish chain, following such past successes created by Karl Lagerfeld, Viktor & Rolf and Roberto, all of which caused a frenzy with overnight campouts at H&M stores. The collection went on sale Thursday.

7 Summer movies

FILM The end of the Hollywood dry spell is nigh. Starting next week, the year's biggest studio spectacles will hit theatres. First up is X-Men Origins: Wolverine, starring Hugh Jackman. Next comes the rebooted version of Star Trek ... and the list goes on.

Examining Media Issues

InDepth

Plane safety:

The hijacking of a Can-Jet flight in Jamaica last week likely has more people thinking about the dangers of air flight, and bringing back remembrances of 9/11. Here are some suggestions for those interested in learning more about hijackings and plane safety:

- The Complete Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook — a quirky guide to some potential serious and not-so-serious situations — offers tips on surviving a possible plane crash (like taking a nonstop flight, if possible). The guide is available online at irreference.com/category/worst-case-scenarios.
- For a better understanding of the in-the-air events on 9/11, rent the Oscar-nominated film United 93, about one of the hijacked planes which crashed in Pennsylvania when passengers foiled the terrorist plot. Also look for a copy of A&E's original movie Flight 93 based on the same event.

- Visit pbs.org to read the transcript and few clips from the American Experience documentary Hijacked, about the Sept. 6, 1970, hijackings of TWA and SwissAir flights by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

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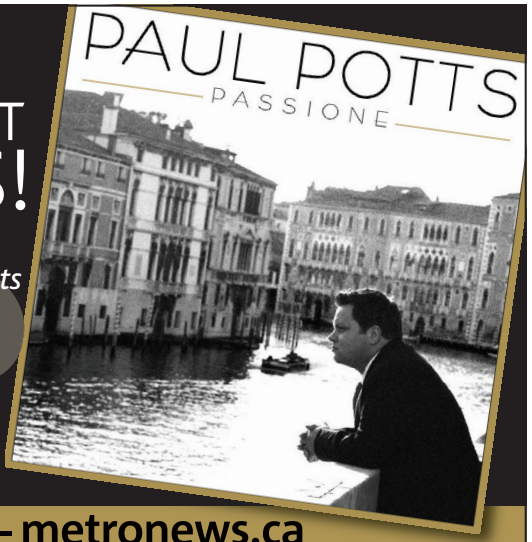
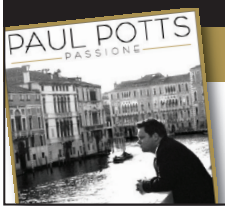


AS SEEN ON YouTube
Paul Potts, singing sensation and 'Britain's Got Talent' winner returns with his brand new album PASSIONE.



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The job of any good documentary filmmaker is to show how real life is not only stranger than fiction but also funnier, scarier, dirtier, sadder and more urgent than any ersatz narrative could ever attempt to forge.

And, as it does every year around this time, Hot Docs aims to help prove this when it unspools next week.

Running from April 30th to May 10th at theatres across Toronto, the internationally recognized film festival (now in its 16th year) will be amassing a staggering array of new documentary features from every corner of the globe (171 films from 39 countries, in fact) covering a myriad of diverse subjects with varying degrees of social import.

SCOTT GRIES/GETTY IMAGES
Alanis Obomsawin

The guest of honour this year will be First Nations filmmaker Alanis Obomsawin, special attention will be shown to pictures from South Korea, Toronto legend Ron Mann (Know Your Mushrooms) will be feted, and a special spotlight will be cast on movies made during the National Film Board's 70 years in operation.

Other highlights of the festival include: Best Worst Movie, which follows the outrageous cult following that the uproariously awful D-movie Troll 2 has amassed since its direct to video release in the early '90s; Laughology, which examines the nature of giddiness; Act of God, which explores the metaphysical effects of being struck by lightning; Chronicle of a Kidnap, which charts the kidnapping of two Israeli soldiers by Hezbollah forces which in turn triggered the Lebanon War; and Graphic Sexual Horror, and in-depth look at notorious bondage/ S&M website insex.com and the ultimate effect internet pornography has had on the world.

On the web
- For more about the festival, including the full schedule and ticket information, visit hotdocs.ca.

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for more stories, columns and travel tips.

Going Away

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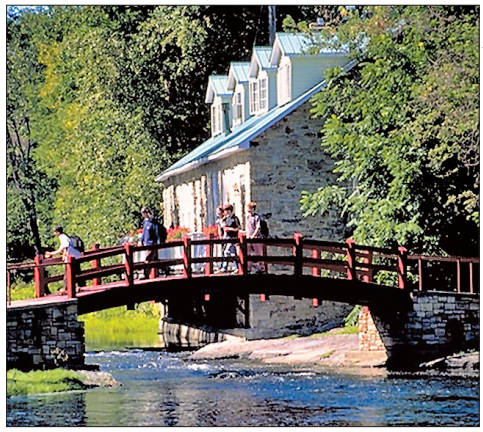
Summer 'staycations' in Eastern Ontario

Shakespeare, pancakes and local festivals offer budget-friendly getaways

With a lot of stress to deal with and not a lot of money to escape it, many Canadians are trading sandy beaches and swim-up bars for something a little closer to home.

That's why Eastern Ontario's scenic small towns are promoting the "staycation" this summer: A family-friendly trip that's far enough from the city to forget your urban worries, but close enough to be practical and affordable.

If all you need is a reason to go, these towns are finding creative ways to provide one by hosting events and activities ranging from a Shakespeare festival to whitewater rafting.



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Left, visitors cross a bridge in the town of Perth in Eastern Ontario. Right, Fort Wellington is among the attractions of Prescott, Ont.

One tradition got started in the summer of 2002, when the word "recession" was far from anyone's mind. A group of actors was travelling through small towns in Ontario putting on plays.

They passed through Prescott, Ont., and performed Romeo and Juliet at the town's open-air, riverside amphitheatre — the only one of its kind on the St. Lawrence River.

The actors loved the town, the town loved the actors, and they struck up a partnership. A festival was born.

In its first humble season, Prescott's St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival drew a total audience of 1,900.

This year's showing of The Taming of the Shrew and Measure for Measure, from July 11 to Aug. 15, is expected to attract more than double that number.

Considering the population of the town is 4,200, that's pretty impressive.

Jessie Ritchie, the festival's general manager, estimates the event contributed $780,000 to the town's economy last year. About half of the people who attend the festival come from outside the region, she said.

Ritchie expects ticket sales to rise again this year despite the recession. Last year, ticket sales went up even though the weather was bad and gas was at $1.40 a litre, she said.

"This year, with gas prices being less, with peo-

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Frankfurt	Travel May 27 - Jun 11/ts	$199 + taxes & fees $318
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Vancouver	Travel May 16 - May 23/ws	$333 + taxes & fees $112
Buenos Aires	Travel Jun 9 - Jun 24/ac	$499 + taxes & fees $218
Hong Kong	Travel May 12 - May 26/uanh	$679 + taxes & fees $259
Sydney	Travel May 12 - Jun 2/ac	$1298 + taxes & fees $316

Holidays

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Rocky Mountains Fly & Drive $469
+ taxes & fees $117
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Small towns expect more tourists this year

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ple finding things to do in the local area, I would say if anything our audience should increase."

Perth, Ont., is another small town using its riverside charms to draw in tourists. It experiences a swell of visitors every summer when cottage season begins.

Madeline Bouvier, co-manager of the Perth and District Chamber of Commerce, said people who visit the town for the first time go home with rave reviews. When she moved there from Ottawa 10 years ago, people wondered why.

"Spend a weekend here and you'll see why," she said.

Perth's many summer festivals and events have been popular tourist draws for a long time. But Bouvier said she expects free admission will bring even more visitors this summer.

The Festival of the Maples is one of these free events. This year's festival, on April 26, is the 33rd time the town has celebrated the end of maple syrup season.

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Whitewater rafting on the Ottawa River.

The festival takes place in Perth's historic downtown, where the usually quiet streets are lined with stalls featuring local vendors.

Visitors can start off their day with a pancake and maple syrup breakfast, catch a horse-drawn trolley to see the musical acts providing street entertainment, and learn about pioneer cooking and crafts.

Perth also gets a lot of long distance runners and cyclists from all over the region who come to exercise on the Rideau Trail.

Goat runs, or challenging trail races, take place every month from March to October. Currently, word of mouth has been all the marketing necessary to bring in people from out of town.

But the county is working with a local running store and the Chamber of Commerce to put pamphlets with running and cycling routes online to promote the area as a hub of endurance fitness.

The Ottawa Valley tourist association started planning for the recession early. They took out radio advertisements on Toronto stations to attract people to their booth at recent trade shows.

Summer tourism is extremely important to the Ottawa Valley, best known for its whitewater rafting. And Melissa Johnston, the marketing co-ordinator for the region's tourist association, said her goal is to use the recession to convince visitors to make longer trips to the Ottawa Valley instead of taking vacations abroad. "Visitors are still coming here," she said. "Everybody's challenge is to get them to stay longer and spend more."

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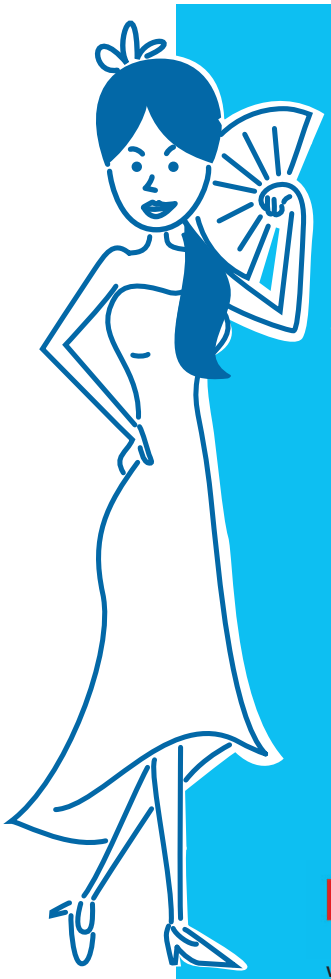

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Ontario outings

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Hikers look at a field guide in Algonquin Park. If you have kids who enjoy learning about nature, then a resource called Wildflowers for Families can give you ideas for family trips.

Wildflowers for Families

• Plenty of kids dig learning about nature, and a new resource is making it easier for families to discover the province's native plants while they're out and about. Wildflowers for Families, which can be viewed at Wildflowers4Families.org, presents a selection of "flower hike" routes as well as photos of the flora you're likely to see on a particular hike at a particular time of year.

• One such hike, for example, is called "Giant violets at Hilton Falls." The site goes on to explain that "Hilton Falls is a 645-hectare-park on the Niagara Escarpment in Milton. It's a wonderful place to visit any time of year, but especially during flower season. Wildflowers are spectacular in early and late spring."

• Under the site's Resources tab, you'll find a good list of links to other websites with information on Ontario's wildflowers. There are also suggestions for maps and field guides that cover walking routes around the greater Toronto area.

Reduce your impact

• With Earth Day just past, it's a good time to think about how to minimize your impact on nature this summer. Fortunately, there are some good resources to help people put some green thought into their warm-weather outings.

• Leave No Trace Canada, leavenotrace.ca, is a national non-profit that promotes responsible outdoor recreation. The organization is part of a wider, international movement that "(assists) outdoor enthusiasts with their decisions about how to reduce their impacts when they hike, camp, picnic, snowshoe, run, bike, hunt, paddle, ride horses, fish, ski or climb." The organization promotes seven principles for minimizing one's impact.

• If you'd like to make a contribution beyond reducing your impact, then check out ontarionature.org and click on Events and Trips. The Volunteer for Nature program lets Ontarians donate their time and energy to do things like "monitor vulnerable species, plant native vegetation, remove invasive plants and improve visitor infrastructure on conservation lands." The calendar of volunteer events for 2009 is now posted on the site for your perusal.

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Fox shows his misanthropic side

Michael J. Fox jumped at the chance to ditch his "Mr. Nice Guy" reputation as a bitter, drug-addicted character on TV show Rescue Me. "People don't often think of me as a bitter misanthrope ... it's too fun to pass up," he says. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Celebrity Buzz

Gavin's gay lover?

RUMOUR Gavin Rossdale had a five-year relationship with a male pop star, female-first.co.uk alleges.

The former Bush singer — who has two sons with wife Gwen Stefani and a daughter from a previous relationship — allegedly had a long romance with androgynous British singer Marilyn in the '80s.

Marilyn, 46, said: "He was the love of my life. We were together five years, but it felt like 40."

In 1995, singer Boy George — a close friend of Marilyn — alleged Rossdale, 43, and Marilyn had had an affair in his autobiography Take It Like A Man, but both men denied the claims.

However, Marilyn — whose real name is Peter Robinson — insists he lied in order to protect the Rossdale's burgeoning career.

The singer added to In Touch Weekly magazine: "He was just becoming successful in America. I agreed to lie against every grain of my being."

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Madonna hires crew for Mercy

KIDS Her initial attempt to adopt three-year-old Malawian Mercy James may have failed, but Madonna has made it clear she isn't giving up. In fact, she's even hired a nanny and a nurse to look after the young girl while her lawyers work out the adoption appeal, according to Hollyscoop.

"As Mercy's legal guardian, I authorize where she goes," orphanage director Anne Chikhwaza explains. "She is staying with Madonna's people as a visitor. There is nothing wrong with that."

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Heidi hopes fourth baby is a girl

BABY Heidi Klum is expecting her fourth child with husband Seal — and she's hoping it's a girl. The couple already has two sons, Johan and Henry, and a daughter, Leni. "We'd be happy with either, but it would be a lie if I said we weren't all hoping for a little girl — especially Leni, because she would love to have a little sister," Klum tells Us Weekly.

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Jennifer's love triangle

RELATIONSHIP Jennifer Love Hewitt was so focused on planning her wedding to Scottish actor Ross McCall she didn't realize she was falling for someone else, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

When the actress and McCall split at the end of last year, Hewitt fell into the arms of Ghost Whisperer co-star Jamie Kennedy — and now she can't believe she didn't consider a relationship with her old friend before.

Speaking candidly about her new romance on Wednesday's Ellen DeGeneres, she said, "Breakups are awful, they're really painful, they really hurt, they really suck on lots of levels but what I think is great about life is the universe always brings you something really beautiful and great afterwards — and that's kinda where I am now, so it's OK."

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Salma's second wedding

MARRIAGE Newlywed Salma Hayak and her husband, Francois-Henri Pinault, who were married at city hall in Paris on Valentine's Day, are finally throwing a real wedding ceremony for friends — this weekend.

The couple will retie the knot in Venice, Italy, in front of friends including Javiar Bardem and Penélope Cruz, according to E! News.

But it won't be a big to-do, despite recent rumours Hayak was going to spend $2 million US on the ceremony.

"I think spending millions of dollars on a wedding is ridiculous and it has never been my dream," she has said. "I would never do that."

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Tensions run high on the Idol set

PEOPLE Tensions are high backstage at American Idol — and not between the contestants. New judge Kara DioGuardi is reportedly fed up with the way she's being treated by Simon Cowell and Randy Jackson, and this week's performance show was apparently particularly bad.

"She was so upset, she couldn't hold it back," a source tells OK! Magazine. "Kara was telling everybody, 'I don't care anymore. I'm going to quit!' She didn't sign up to be anybody's punching bag.' That's what she feels she's become."

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Kim's new nickname
Kim Kardashian has a new nickname: Zorro. "Poor little Kimmie laid out too long and got a major sunglasses tan! It was SO funny though!" her sis Khloe blogs. "We called her Zorro the rest of the trip hahahaha." USMAGAZINE.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Fred Durst the 'happiest man alive'

ENGAGEMENT Limp Bizkit frontman Fred Durst is thrilled that his band is getting back together, but he's even more excited that his girlfriend agreed to marry him. "Great news — I'm getting married to Esther in July," the singer announced on his Twitter. "It's on! Break out the bubbly!" Durst also posted a photo of the engagement ring, writing that he is "the happiest man alive."

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Angie sticks up for anti-gay marriage beauty queen

POLITICS Republican actress Angie Harmon is standing up for Miss California Carrie Prejean, who has been criticized for saying on Sunday's Miss USA pageant that she does not support gay marriage, usmagazine.com reports.

"If someone is standing up for how they feel and talking about their beliefs, why are we punishing her for that?" Harmon, 36, told usmagazine.com. "I just don't understand how we've gotten to a place in America where, if someone doesn't agree with everyone, then they are punished for it."

Prejean, 21, insists her controversial answer "cost" her the crown. (Shanna Moakler, director of the Miss California USA pageant, denies this.)

Said Harmon, "I heard something in the car on the way over here, and it was like, 'She wasn't punished,' but she lost because of it. So she was punished.

"I find it incredibly disappointing," she went on. "I mean, that is what she thinks. That's what she believes. I'm not going to punish anyone for that. I don't know if she lost because of it, but if she did, I think that is very disappointing. In the Miss USA, she can't stand up for what she thinks or what she believes in? I don't understand that."

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GETTY IMAGES

Pink and Carey reunite

RECONCILIATION Pink and Carey Hart are determined to make their marriage last forever, and want to show it by renewing their wedding vows, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The couple, who recently reunited after separating in February 2008, is rumoured to be planning a small beachside ceremony for friends and family to show them they are committed to staying together.

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LiLo sets breakup record straight

PEOPLE Tired of letting the tabloids speak for her, Lindsay Lohan stopped by Ellen DeGeneres' talk show to chat about her split from Samantha Ronson.

Lohan claims the breakup came "out of nowhere" and that Ronson caught her completely off-guard.

"I had no idea what was going on. I just hadn't seen her in, like, a week. She, like, disappeared," Lohan said. But she's hopeful the split isn't final. "I really care about Samantha and we'll see what happens," she says.

"Maybe when we're fully in the right place. And I love her."

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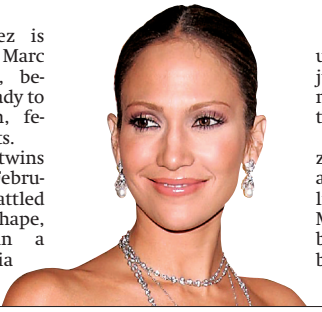
J.Lo to Marc: No babies!

FAMILY Jennifer Lopez is fighting off husband Marc Anthony's advances, because she's not yet ready to have more children, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Since welcoming twins Max and Emme in February 2008, Lopez has battled hard to get back in shape, even competing in a triathlon in California last September.



She's not ready to give up her buff post-baby body just yet — despite Anthony's desperation to expand their brood.

Lopez tells People magazine, "Marc is like, 'What are we waiting for?' I'm like, 'We gotta wait 'til Mum's ready. I'm in the best shape of my life. And best mindset."

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Truth to Slumdog screen romance?

RUMOUR Slumdog Millionaire stars Dev Patel and Freida Pinto — who play lovers on-screen, and in real life have denied reports that they're an item — were spotted kissing during a romantic night out.

Patel was visiting Pinto in Israel, where she's shooting her latest film, according to Britain's Daily Star.

And their co-star, Anil Kapoor, claims something is up between the two. "When I meet them, I feel there is something happening," he said recently. "They definitely make a great pair."

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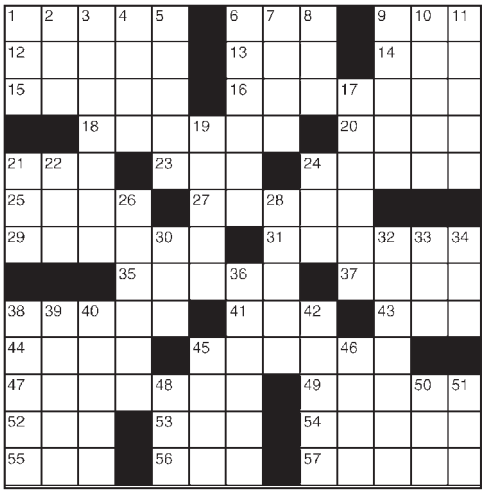

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16 Chirp
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20 Peruse
21 However
23 Smoke, for short
24 With fervor
25 Twist out of shape
27 Confuse
29 "Rabbit ears"
31 Unparalleled
35 Frock
37 Ringlet
38 Proverb
41 Turner or Williams
43 Squid squirt
44 Mysterious character
45 Disinclined to brag
47 Sparkle
49 Theme
52 Einstein's birthplace
53 $ dispenser
54 Met show
55 Storm center
56 Kid's question
57 Vestige

Crossword down

1 Ball VIP
2 Corn spike
3 Animal
4 Winglike
5 Hammerstein's contribution
6 Senility
7 Long, mournful wail
8 Beside (Pref.)
9 Carried
10 Perfect
11 Square
17 Catastrophic
19 Authoritative text
21 Merit-badge org.
22 Islander's strings
24 Calendar abbr.
26 Thingie
28 Amalgamated
30 Exist
32 Not one to see it through
33 Grecian vessel
34 Wapiti
36 Tempestuous
38 Battle verbally
39 In a boring way
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45 Part of SMU (Abbr.)
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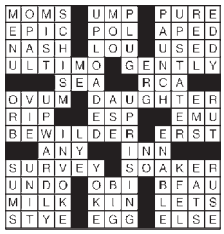

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Tuna and Tomato Pizzas

INGREDIENTS:

3 tsp (15 mL) extra-virgin olive oil
1 onion, minced
1 can (14 oz/398 mL) crushed tomatoes
1/2 tsp (2 mL) dried oregano
Pinch sugar
2 thick pizza crusts
2 tbsp (25 mL) tomato paste
1 can (6 oz/170 g) water-packed tuna, drained and flaked into chunks
4 tsp (20 mL) capers, rinsed
8 pitted black olives, sliced
Salt and fresh-ground black pepper
Fresh basil leaves

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 425°F (220°C). Heat 1 tsp (5 mL) oil in small pot over medium heat. Add onion and sauté until soft, 4 minutes. Add tomatoes, oregano, sugar and salt and pepper to taste. Bring to boil, then reduce heat and leave to simmer, uncovered, 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.
2. Put pizza crusts on 2 baking sheets. Spread 1 tbsp (15 mL) tomato paste over each crust. Spoon tomato sauce over pizzas, then add tuna. Sprinkle with capers and olives. Drizzle remaining 2 tsp (10 mL) of olive oil over tops.
3. Bake pizzas until crusts are crisp and golden, 10 minutes, or following package directions. Sprinkle with torn basil leaves and serve at once.

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CANCER ♋
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Consideration for others causes a risk to arise. Responsibilities slow you down to a crawl. There are twinges of guilt over a tempting offer.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
A stranger's defeat won't drain your energy. A chat results from a wise decision. A false alarm defines incompetence.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Be especially careful with neighbours. An honourable person is checked for imperfection. Renewal comes from uninhibited career goals.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A misunderstanding focuses on wasting time. A friend might not sidestep a feud. You'll inspire others and help them to grow.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Satisfaction comes from trusting your instincts. Your hopes are raised by reaching an agreement. Someone's whimsy gets in the way.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Exceptional evidence of past issues is presented. Drag yourself away from a technical conversation. Be very clear about your distress.

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A fearful friend feels sorry for himself. Don't encourage anyone to avoid work. You can attain power by giving assistance.

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